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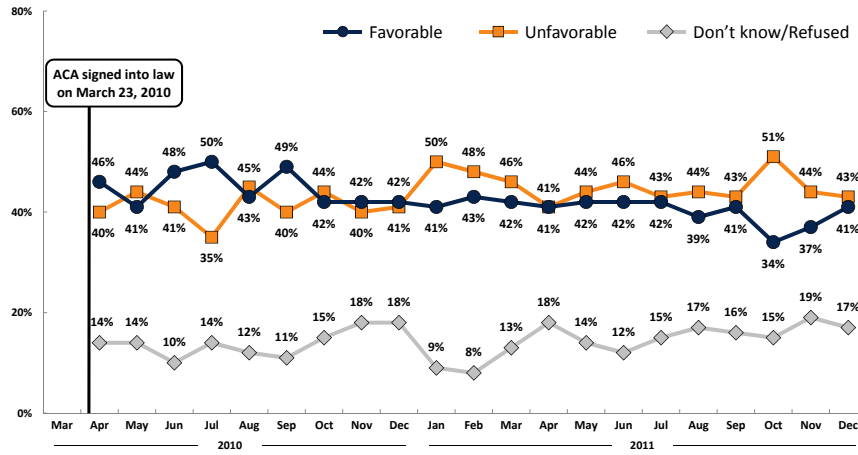
Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: December 2011

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SLIDE 1

Public Returns To Even Split On ACA

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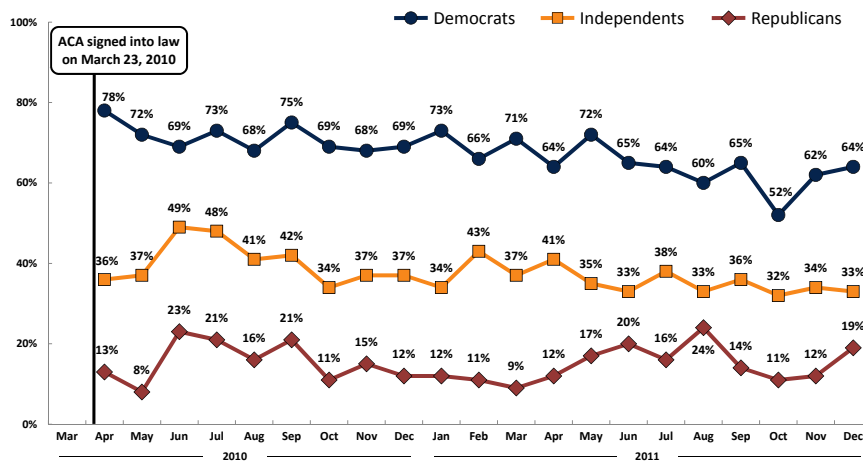
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SLIDE 2

Lasting Partisan Gap On ACA Favorability

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



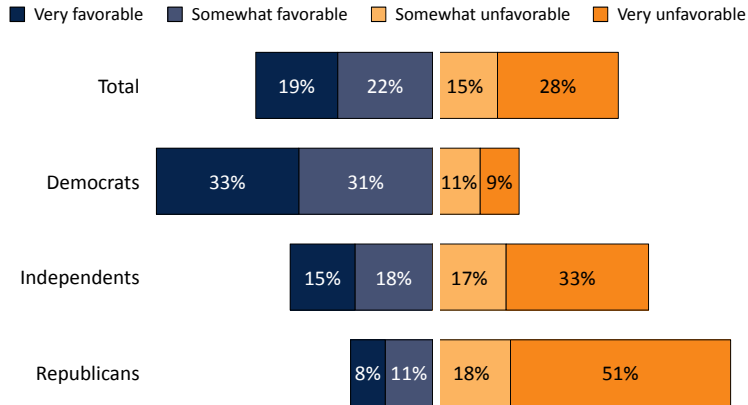
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Republican Opposition More Strongly Felt Than Democratic Support

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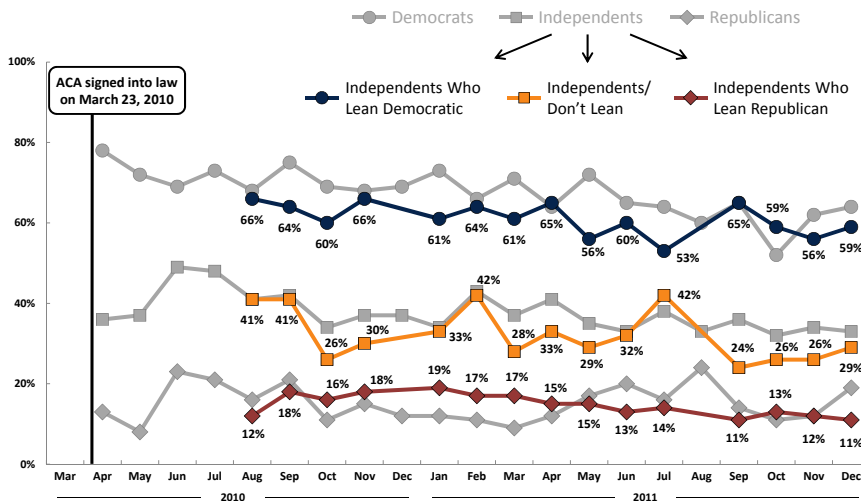
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Independents Nearly As Divided By Partisan Leanings As Public Overall

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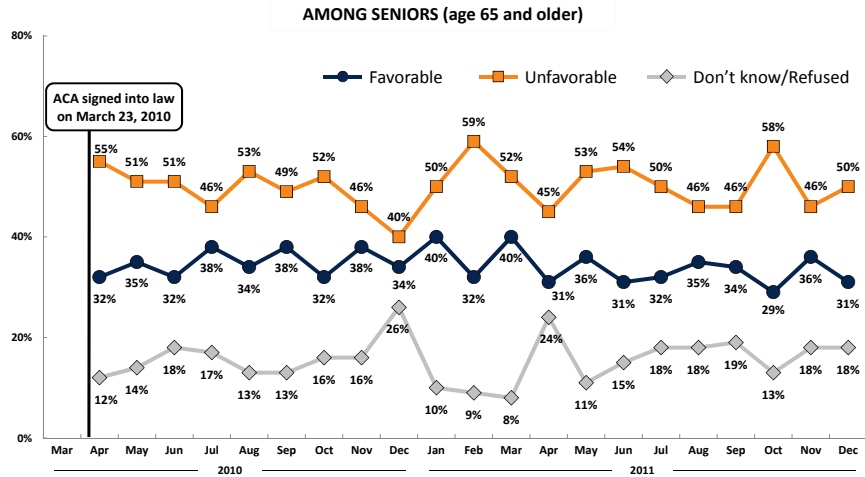


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Seniors Tilt Negative On Health Reform Law

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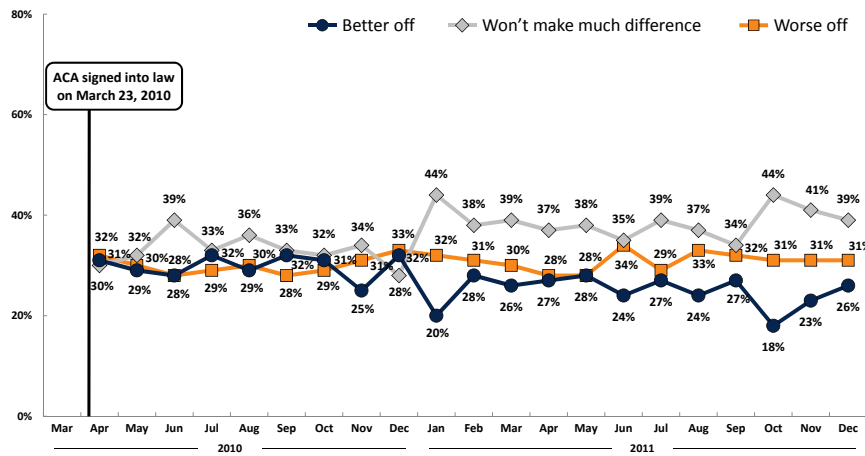


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Trend In Perception Of Personal Impact Of Law

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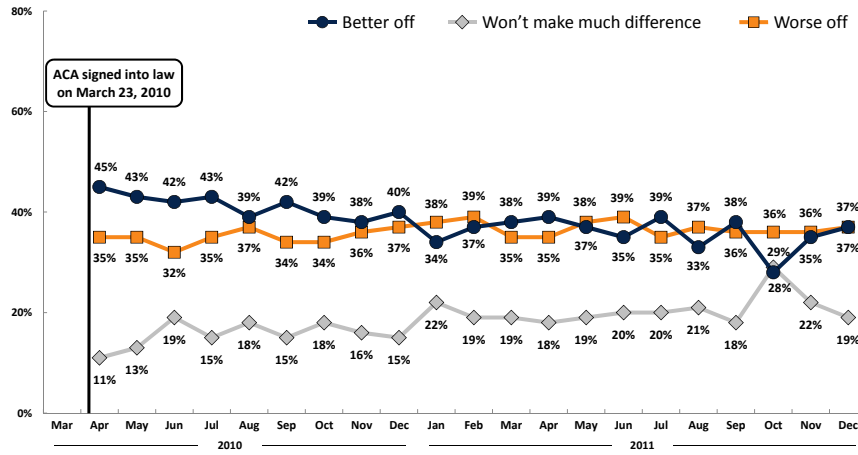


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Trend In Perception Of Impact Of Law On Country As A Whole

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?

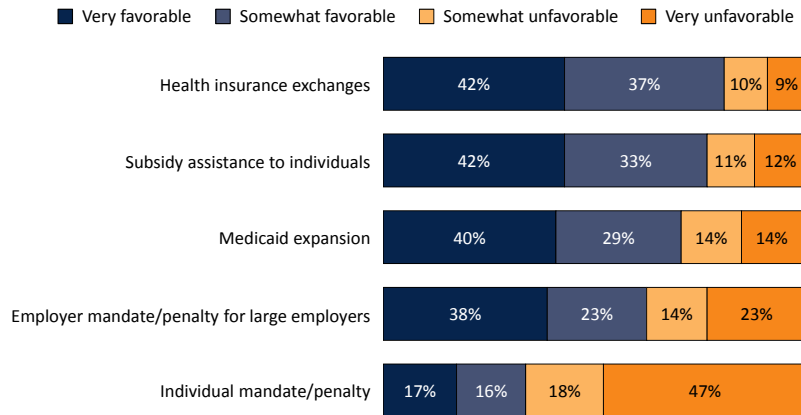


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Majority Favor Main Provisions Of ACA, Except Individual Mandate

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/8265.cfm> for complete wording. Don't know/Refused answers not shown.
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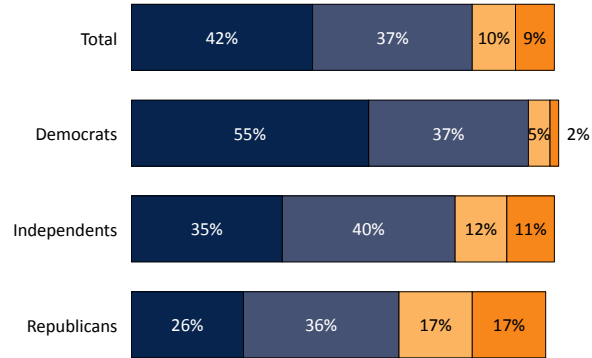


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Wide, Bipartisan Support For Health Insurance Exchanges

The health reform 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. Would you say you feel very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable about that?

■ Very favorable ■ Somewhat favorable ■ Somewhat unfavorable ■ Very unfavorable



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Views Of Main Provisions Of Health Reform Law By Party

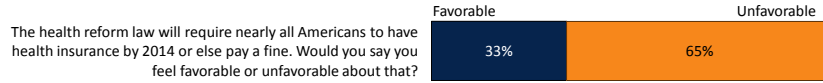
Percent who have a favorable view about each of the following elements of the health reform law:

	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep
Health insurance exchanges	79%	92%	75%	62%
Subsidy assistance to individuals	75	93	70	51
Medicaid expansion	69	89	63	41
Employer mandate/penalty for large employers	61	83	56	36
Individual mandate/penalty	33	50	30	18

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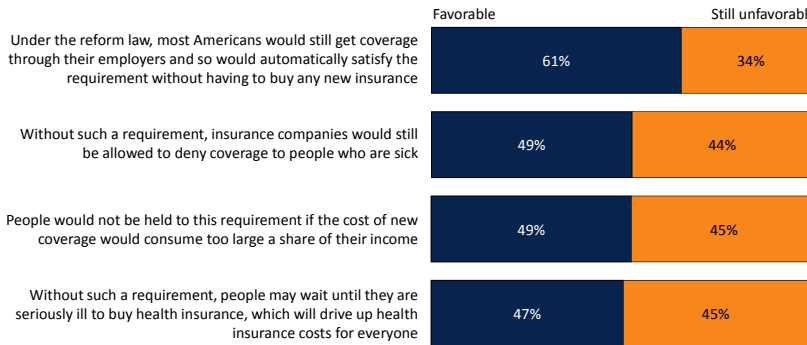


Messages In Favor Of Mandate Hold Potential To Move Opinion



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 What if you heard that... Would you still have an unfavorable view of that requirement or would you now have a favorable view?

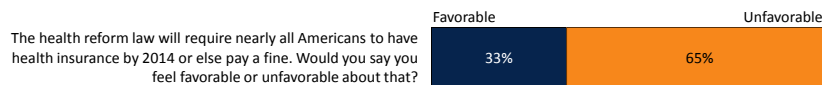
Results for total after those with an UNFAVORABLE view heard follow-up argument:



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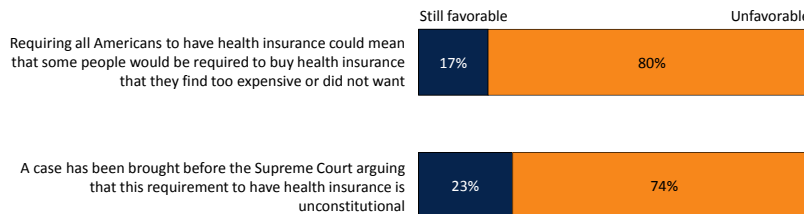


Arguments Against Mandate Also Move Opinion



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Results for total after those with a FAVORABLE view heard follow-up argument:

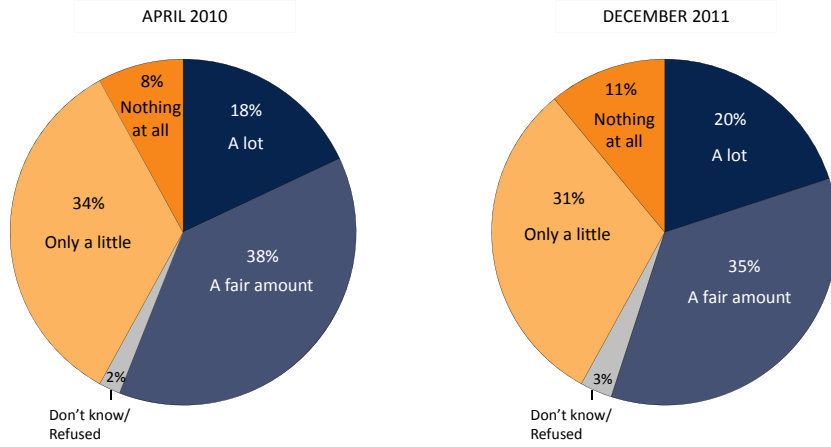


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Four In Ten Unclear On Law's Personal Impact, Little Change Since Passage

How much would you say you know about how the health reform law will affect you and your family personally... a lot, a fair amount, only a little or nothing at all?



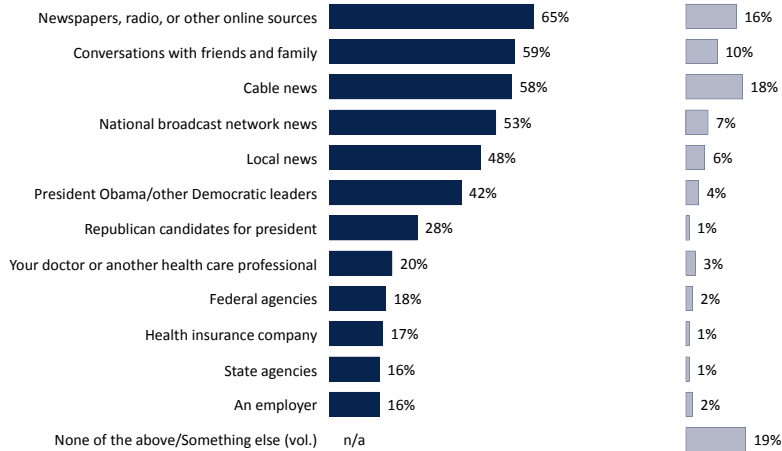
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Americans Learning About The Law From A Variety Of Sources

Percent who say they have gotten information about the health reform law from each of the following:

Percent who say the following has been their MOST IMPORTANT source of news and information about the health reform law:

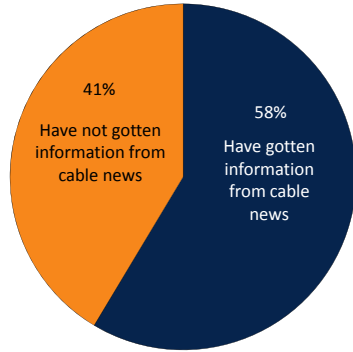


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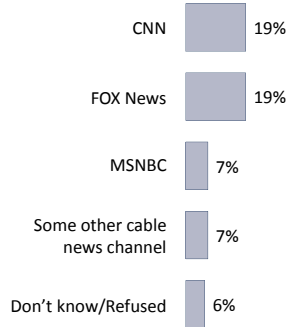


Six In Ten Report Getting ACA Information From Cable TV

Have you gotten any information about the health reform law from cable TV news channels such as CNN, FOX News, or MSNBC, or their websites, or not?



Would you say you are mainly getting information from CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, or some other cable news channel?



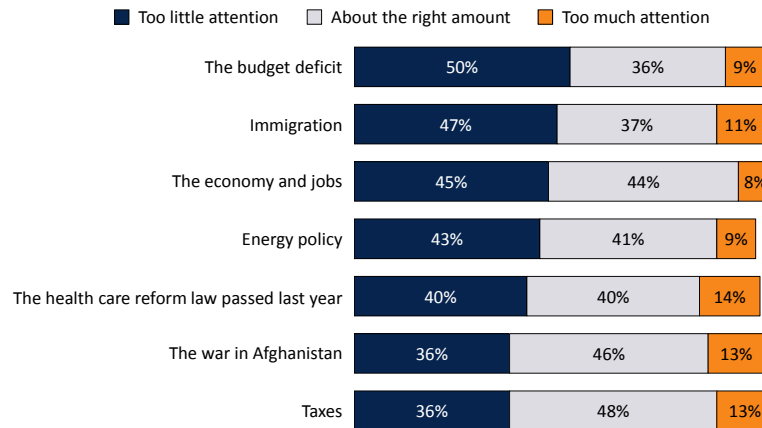
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Half Of Republicans Want To Hear More About Deficit, Immigration

As I read you some different issues, please tell me if you think the Republican candidates for President are paying too much attention, too little attention, or about the right amount of attention to each one.

AMONG THOSE WHO SELF-IDENTIFY AS A REPUBLICAN OR AN INDEPENDENT WHO LEANS REPUBLICAN



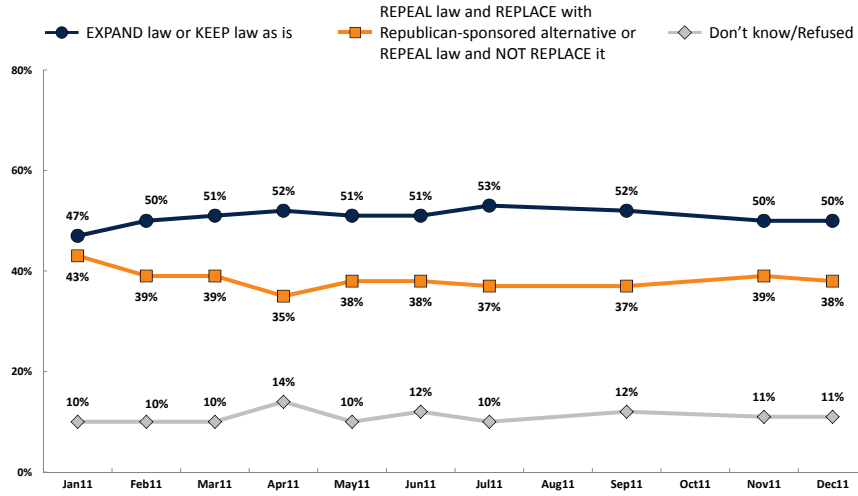
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Half Want Health Care Law Kept As Is Or Expanded

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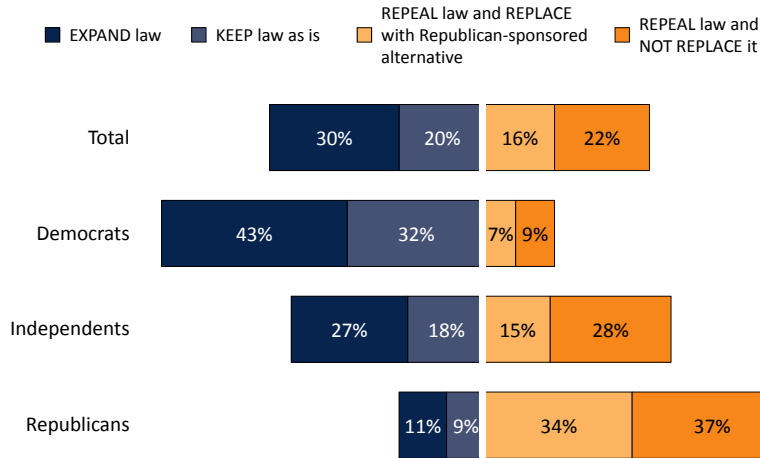


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Partisan Divisions As To 'What Next' For Health Reform

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Methodology

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 December 8 through December 13, 2011, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,212 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (708) and cell phone (504, including 285 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

“VOL” indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

For full question wording, please see the topline questionnaire: <http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/8265.cfm>



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