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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: March 2015

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METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted March 6-12¹, 2015, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,503 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 (600) and cell phone (903, including 498 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Both the random digit dial 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 adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the January-June 2014 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.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error 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. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative](#) of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1,503	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	438	±6 percentage points
Republicans	344	±6 percentage points
Independents	521	±5 percentage points
Insurance Status		
Uninsured, ages 18-64	133	±9 percentage points
Insured, ages 18-64	992	±4 percentage points
Federal/Partnership Marketplaces		
Total living in states with Federal/ Partnership marketplaces	986	±4 percentage points
Democrats in Fed/Partnership marketplace states	267	±7 percentage points
Republicans in Fed/Partnership marketplace states	243	±7 percentage points
Independents in Fed/Partnership marketplace states	346	±6 percentage points
Followed News- Measles		
Followed story closely	1116	±3 percentage points
Did not follow story closely	377	±6 percentage points
Half Samples		
Half Sample A	742	±4 percentage points
Half Sample B	761	±4 percentage points

Trend Information:

01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)

¹ A small number of interviews were conducted on March 13.

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?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, please answer “yes”] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
03/15	22	19	15	28	16
01/15	19	21	16	30	15
12/14	18	23	16	30	14
11/14	18	19	16	30	18
10/14	16	20	16	27	20
09/14	15	20	15	32	19
07/14	15	22	18	35	11
06/14	19	20	15	30	16
05/14	19	19	12	33	17
04/14	19	19	16	30	16
03/14	18	20	14	32	15
02/14	16	19	14	33	18
01/14	17	17	15	35	16
12/13	17	17	12	36	18
11/13	15	18	13	36	18
10/13	21	17	13	31	18
09/13	20	19	13	30	17
08/13	17	20	14	28	20
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
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 ²	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

² May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year...”

Q.1 continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 ³	23	23	10	30	14

2FAV. Could you tell me in your own words what is the main reason you have a favorable opinion of the health reform law? (OPEN-END)

Based on those who have a favorable opinion

	03/15	03/14	12/13	03/13	11/11	07/11	03/11	10/10
Expanding access (NET)	61	61	57	58	57	55	51	55
Expanding access to health insurance	28	28	25	23	27	24	28	23
Expanding access to health care	19	21	22	25	21	19	14	21
Will help self or family	11	9	8	7	6	6	5	8
Will help low income families/the poor	5	4	5	2	5	4	3	4
Adult children will be able to get health insurance	2	3	1	4	4	3	4	4
Will make health care more affordable/control costs/lower costs	10	10	9	10	11	10	9	7
Country/people will be better off generally	7	7	7	5	5	8	6	8
Brings America in line with other advanced countries	4	2	2	2	1	3	--	--
Reform was needed	3	4	4	4	8	5	7	7
A step in the right direction	3	2	2	3	4	5	4	6
Insurance reform (NET)	3	5	8	6	6	5	7	6
Will help people with pre-existing conditions	2	4	8	4	4	3	5	4
Insurance reform generally	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2
General support for the law	2	6	4	3	2	2	4	--
No problem so far/No change for me/Doesn't affect me	2	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
People will have more choice of health insurance coverage/better coverage	1	1	1	*	--	*	2	--
In favor of the individual mandate	1	1	1	2	1	*	1	--
Approve of government role	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	2
Will help seniors/seniors with meds/Medicare	1	*	--	1	2	2	4	3
Other reason for a favorable view	3	6	8	6	5	3	7	8
Other comment – not related to health reform bill	1	--	*	1	*	3	1	1
Don't know/Refused	7	6	7	11	13	11	13	13
	(n=610)	(n=599)	(n=428)	(n=464)	(n=477)	(n=474)	(n=498)	(n=495)

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

³ 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?)”

2UNFAV. Could you tell me in your own words what is the main reason you have an unfavorable opinion of the health reform law?
(OPEN-END)

Based on those who have an unfavorable opinion

	03/15	03/14	12/13	03/13	11/11	07/11	03/11	10/10
Financial and cost considerations (NET)	26	23	23	30	21	20	20	24
Health insurance and health care will/have become more expensive	16	14	15	13	9	4	5	10
Will cost too much/Not paid for	8	8	7	14	10	16	15	11
Taxes will go up	2	1	1	4	3	2	1	5
Against individual mandate (NET)	18	17	18	15	18	13	18	11
Don't want to be forced to buy insurance	15	15	13	12	15	9	12	7
Unconstitutional	4	1	6	4	3	5	6	4
Government-related issues	10	10	13	13	16	16	19	10
Inequitable/Unfair/Individuals should pay for their own insurance	8	6	7	7	8	5	6	13
Limits choices and benefits/Hurts people's existing health care arrangements/quality of care	7	5	5	5	7	8	6	5
General dislike of the law/Unnecessary	7	4	4	5	4	3	4	-
Unfair to people who cannot afford/get health insurance	6	7	4	1	4	3	2	--
Opposed to process	5	5	7	5	5	4	5	12
Didn't do what it was supposed to do/We were lied to/Broken promises	5	6	6	--	--	--	--	--
Don't understand law/Don't know enough about it/ Confusing	4	5	5	5	2	4	3	5
Will not solve problem/Won't work/Isn't working	3	5	4	3	4	4	3	--
Based on what I've heard from friends/family/media	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Only helps certain people/Not everyone will benefit	3	3	4	5	3	4	4	7
Hurts small businesses/jobs	3	4	2	5	2	2	2	3
Impact on my own situation/changed my (good) insurance	3	4	2	1	2	3	2	5
Too many problems/Website/enrollment/rollout problems	2	3	4	--	--	--	--	--
Harm to seniors/Medicare-related concerns	1	2	1	6	4	6	3	6
Policy cancelations (includes employer canceled/changed plans) ⁴	1	4	6	--	*	*	--	--
Bad for doctors/health care professionals/providers	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	2
Doesn't go far enough to fix the problems	1	*	--	1	2	2	2	5
Don't want National Health Care/Socialized medicine/Doesn't work in other countries	1	2	*	1	1	1	--	--
Abortion	1	*	*	1	1	--	--	*
Illegal immigrants will/will not be covered	*	1	*	1	1	*	1	1
Other reason for an unfavorable view	5	8	8	5	10	7	8	10
Other comment – not related to health reform bill	1	*	*	--	2	3	2	*
Don't know/Refused	4	4	3	7	8	11	9	7
	(n=699)	(n=714)	(n=602)	(n=499)	(n=545)	(n=561)	(n=579)	(n=555)

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⁴ Trend wording was "Employers will drop/change or have dropped/changed health insurance".

3. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	03/15	01/15	12/14	11/14
Expand what the law does	23	23	24	22
Move forward with implementing the law as it is	23	19	21	20
Scale back what the law does	10	14	12	17
Repeal the entire law	30	32	31	29
None of these/ something else (VOL.)	7	5	4	5
Don't know/Refused	7	7	7	8

4. Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you and your family, or not?

	Yes, have enough information	No, do not have enough information	Don't know/ Refused
03/15	56	41	2
01/15	58	41	2
10/14	64	35	1
06/14	57	40	3
03/14	52	46	2
02/14	59	39	2
01/14	54	44	2
12/13	54	44	2
11/13	52	46	2
10/13	55	44	2
09/13	47	51	2
08/13	47	51	2
04/13	49	49	2
03/13 ⁵	41	57	2
04/12	51	47	1
03/12	39	59	2
11/11	44	55	1
03/11	47	52	1
04/10	43	56	2

5. So far, would you say the health care law has directly (helped) you and your family, directly (hurt) you and your family, or has it not had a direct impact? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

	03/15	01/15	11/14	10/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Helped	19	16	16	16	14	15	14
Hurt	22	25	24	26	27	28	24
No direct impact	57	57	59	56	56	56	60
Both helped and hurt (VOL.)	*	1	*	1	1	*	*
Don't know/ Refused	2	1	1	1	1	1	2

⁵ April 2010 through March 2013 trend wording was "Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will impact you personally, or not?"

6. What would you say is the MAIN way the health care law has helped you and your family? Has it... (READ LIST, RANDOMIZE 1-3, KEEP 4 ALWAYS LAST)

Based on those who say the health care law has helped or both helped and hurt them

	03/15	11/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Allowed someone in your family to get or keep health coverage	46	40	42	46	36
Lowered your health care or health insurance costs	19	19	18	12	19
Made it easier for you to get the health care you need	27	29	29	25	26
OR has it helped in some other way?	3	6	6	6	14
Don't know/ Refused	5	6	5	10	5
	(n=264)	(n=219)	(n=224)	(n=220)	(n=203)

7. What would you say is the MAIN way the health care law has hurt you and your family? Has it... (READ LIST, RANDOMIZE 1-3, KEEP 4 ALWAYS LAST)

Based on those who say the health care law has hurt or both helped and hurt them

	03/15	11/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Caused someone in your family to lose their insurance	10	7	7	10	8
Increased your health care or health insurance costs	62	62	58	59	60
Made it more difficult for you to get the health care you need	17	16	20	18	12
OR has it hurt in some other way?	10	12	11	10	18
Don't know/ Refused	2	3	4	3	2
	(n=357)	(n=360)	(n=402)	(n=422)	(n=385)

Summary of Q5, Q6, and Q7 based on total

	03/15	11/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Helped/Both helped and hurt	19	16	15	15	15
Allowed someone in your family to get or keep health coverage	9	6	6	7	5
Lowered your health care costs	4	3	3	2	3
Made it easier for you to get the health care you need	5	5	4	4	4
Helped in some other way	1	1	1	1	2
Don't know/ Refused	1	1	1	2	1
Hurt/Both helped and hurt	22	24	28	28	24
Caused someone in your family to lose their insurance	2	2	2	3	2
Increased your health care costs	14	15	16	17	14
Made it more difficult for you to get the health care you need	4	4	6	5	3
Hurt in some other way	2	3	3	3	4
Don't know/ Refused	*	1	1	1	1
No direct impact	57	59	56	56	60
Don't know/ Refused	2	1	1	1	2

8. 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 something the law does, or not. First, to the best of your knowledge, would you say the health reform law does or does not (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? Would you say the health reform law does or does not (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?⁶

		Yes, law does this	No, law does not do this	Don't know/ Refused
a.	Require nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine			
	03/15	81	14	5
	12/14	77	17	6
	03/14	78	15	7
	01/14	81	15	4
	03/13 ⁷	74	17	9
	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	67	26	7
	04/10	71	21	8
b.	Give states the option of expanding their existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults			
	03/15	60	25	15
	12/14	62	27	11
	03/14	60	25	15
	01/14	58	27	15
	03/13	59	25	17
	04/12 ⁸	60	26	14
	03/12 omnibus	54	30	16
	11/11	53	28	19
	08/11	49	32	19
	12/10	62	20	18
	06/10	66	22	12
	04/10	64	16	20
c.	Provide financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage			
	03/15	65	29	6
	01/15	63	30	6
	12/14	67	26	8
	10/14	54	31	16
	03/14	63	28	9
	01/14	63	29	9
	03/13	62	29	9
	08/12	57	29	13
	03/12 omnibus	56	28	17
	11/11	64	30	6
	08/11	58	32	10
	12/10	72	18	10
	06/10	72	21	7
	04/10	75	17	8
d.	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			
	03/15	66	25	8
	01/15	63	28	8
	12/14	67	25	8
	03/13	58	29	13
	08/12	56	28	16
	06/10	62	29	9
	04/10	62	21	17

⁶ March 2013 and previous trend question wording was "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..."

⁷ December 2010 to March 2013 trend wording for this item was "Require nearly all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine".

⁸ March 2012 to April 2012 trend wording for this item was "Expand the existing Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults". April 2010 through November 2011 wording was "Expand the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children".

9. As far as you know, when someone gets financial help from the government to pay their health insurance premium, is it possible they would end up owing money to the government if their income or family size changes during the year, or not?

	03/15
Yes	55
No	23
Don't know/Refused	22

10. As you may know, the law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine when they file their taxes. As far as you know, did the requirement to report your health insurance status on your tax return take effect last year, that is for filing 2013 taxes, this year, that is for filing 2014 taxes, or does it take effect next year for 2015 taxes?

	03/15
Last year, 2013 taxes	11
This year, 2014 taxes	53
Next year, 2015 taxes	20
Some other year (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	16

11. Have you filed your federal income taxes yet for 2014?

	03/15
Yes	45
No	48
Don't file/not required to file taxes (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1

12. [IF Q11=2,9: Do you plan to/ IF Q11=1: Did you] file your taxes yourself, either on paper or using computer software, or [do you plan to/did you] use a professional tax preparer to complete your tax forms?

	03/15
File yourself	34
File by professional tax preparer	54
Don't file/not required to file taxes (VOL.) ⁹	9
Don't know/ Refused	3

Summary of Q11, Q12 based on total

	03/15
Already filed	45
Filed yourself	18
Filed by professional tax preparer	26
Don't know/Refused	1
Not yet filed	46
Plan to file yourself	16
Plan to use professional tax preparer	28
Don't know/Refused	2
Don't file/not required to file taxes (VOL.)	9

⁹ Includes those who said they don't have to file/aren't required to file in Q11.

13. When filing your 2014 taxes, did you see a place to indicate whether or not you had health insurance in 2014, or not?

Based on those who filed themselves (n=237)

	03/15
Yes, saw a place to indicate whether you had health insurance	76
No, did not see a place to indicate whether you had health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	10

Summary of Q11, Q12 and Q13 based on total

	03/15
Already filed	45
Filed yourself	18
Saw a place to indicate if had health insurance	14
Did not see a place to indicate if had health insurance	3
Don't know	2
Filed by professional tax preparer	26
Don't know/Refused	1
Not yet filed	46
Plan to file yourself	16
Plan to use professional tax preparer	28
Don't know/Refused	2
Don't file/not required to file taxes (VOL.)	9

14. When you filed your 2014 taxes, did you [IF Q12=2: or your tax preparer] indicate you had health insurance in 2014 or did you have to pay a fine?

Based on those who filed taxes for 2014 (n=600)

	03/15
Indicated that you had health insurance in 2014	79
Had to pay a fine	10
Was exempt/wasn't required to pay fine for being uninsured (VOL.)	4
Don't know/ Refused	7

Summary of Q11 and Q14 based on total

	03/15
Yes, filed taxes	45
Indicated that you had health insurance in 2014	36
Had to pay a fine	5
Was exempt/wasn't required to pay fine for being uninsured (VOL.)	2
Don't know/ Refused	3
No, did not file taxes	48
Don't file/not required to file taxes (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1

15. Some people who don't have health insurance may find out they have to pay a fine when they file their taxes this year. Which comes closer to your view (READ IN ORDER):

	03/15
Uninsured people should be given a special opportunity to enroll in health insurance to avoid paying the fine again the following year, OR	58
Providing a special opportunity for the uninsured to get health insurance is unfair to those who signed up for coverage when they were supposed to during the regular enrollment period	29
Don't know/ Refused	12

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

16. As you may have heard, the Supreme Court just heard a case about whether the health care law says people in all states can be eligible for financial help from the government to buy health insurance or if financial help is only available to people in states with state-run marketplaces. How much, if anything, have you heard about this case? A lot, some, only a little or nothing at all?

	03/15	01/15 ¹⁰	12/14 ¹¹
A lot	9	5	4
Some	13	9	11
Only a little	25	30	29
Nothing at all	53	56	55
Don't know/Refused	1	*	*

17. (READ FIRST 2 TIMES, THEN AS NEEDED: If the Supreme Court rules that financial help to buy health insurance is only available in states with state-run marketplaces,) do you think this would have a (major) impact, a (minor) impact, or no impact at all on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (IF MAJOR OR MINOR ask: Would that impact be positive or negative? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

	Major positive	Minor positive	Major negative	Minor negative	No impact	Don't know/Refused
a. The country as a whole	15	8	46	16	6	9
b. You and your family	6	7	13	14	52	7
c. People receiving financial help from the government to buy insurance	18	10	37	14	12	10
d. Your state	11	11	29	16	19	15
e. The uninsured	16	7	44	13	9	9

18. If the Supreme Court rules that financial help to buy health insurance is only available to people in states with state-run marketplaces, how confident, if at all, are you that (Democrats) and (Republicans) in Congress can work together to resolve the issues created by the ruling? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES) (READ)

Based on half sample A (n=742)

	03/15
Very confident	4
Somewhat confident	13
Not too confident	24
Not at all confident	56
Don't know/ Refused	3

19. If the Supreme Court rules that financial help to buy health insurance is only available to people in states with state-run marketplaces, how confident, if at all, are you that (Republicans in Congress) and (President Obama) can work together to resolve the issues created by the ruling? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES) (READ)

Based on half sample B (n=761)

	03/15
Very confident	4
Somewhat confident	15
Not too confident	27
Not at all confident	51
Don't know/ Refused	2

¹⁰ Trend wording was "As you may have heard, the Supreme Court will hear a case about whether the health care law says people in all states can be eligible for financial help from the government to buy health insurance or if financial help is only available to people in states with state-run marketplaces..."

¹¹ Trend wording was "As you may have heard, the Supreme Court recently announced it will hear a case about whether low- and moderate-income people in states with federally-run marketplaces will remain eligible for financial help from the government to buy health insurance in states with state-run marketplaces..."

20. If the Supreme Court rules that financial help to buy health insurance is only available to low and moderate income people in states with state-run marketplaces, do you think Congress should pass a law so that people in all states can be eligible for financial help from the government to buy health insurance, or do you think Congress shouldn't act on this issue?

	03/15	01/15
Congress should pass a law	65	64
Congress shouldn't act on this issue	29	27
Don't know/ Refused	6	9

21. What if you heard this would make it harder for Republicans in Congress to make some major changes to the health care law? Would you still say Congress should pass a law making financial help available in all states, or would you now say Congress shouldn't act on the issue?

Based on Congress should pass a law (n=937)

	03/15
Still say Congress should pass a law	82
Now say Congress shouldn't act on this issue	13
Don't know/ Refused	5

Summary of Q20 and Q21 based on total

	03/15
Congress shouldn't act on this issue	37
Originally	29
After hearing argument (this would make it harder for Republicans in Congress to make some major changes to the health care law)	8
Still say Congress should pass a law	54
Don't know/ Refused	9

ROTATE ORDER OF Q22 and Q23

22. What if you heard that if financial help is only available in states with state-run marketplaces, more than 7 million people in states that don't run their own marketplace would lose their financial help to pay for health insurance? Would you still say Congress should not act on the issue or would you now say Congress should pass a law making financial help available in all states?

Based on Congress should not act on this issue (n=471)

	03/15
Still say Congress should not act on the issue	52
Now say Congress should pass a law	40
Don't know/ Refused	7

Summary of Q20 and Q22 based on total

	03/15
Congress should pass a law	77
Originally	65
After hearing argument (more than 7 million people in states that don't run their own marketplace would lose their financial help to pay for health insurance)	12
Still say Congress shouldn't act on this issue	15
Don't know/ Refused	8

23. What if you heard that if financial help is only available in states with state-run marketplaces, the cost of health insurance premiums would go up substantially for everyone buying their own insurance in states that don't run their own marketplace? Would you still say Congress should not act on the issue or would you now say Congress should pass a law making financial help available in all states?

Based on Congress should not act on this issue (n=471)

	03/15
Still say Congress shouldn't act on the issue	54
Now say Congress should pass a law	39
Don't know/ Refused	8

Summary of Q20 and Q23 based on total

	03/15
Congress should pass a law	76
Originally	65
After hearing argument (the cost of health insurance premiums would go up substantially for everyone buying their own insurance in states that don't run their own marketplace)	11
Still say Congress shouldn't act on this issue	15
Don't know/ Refused	8

24. If the Supreme Court rules that financial help is only available to people in states with state-run marketplaces, do you think states should create their own marketplace so that people could continue to access financial help, or do you think states shouldn't act on this issue?

	03/15
States should create own marketplaces	70
States shouldn't act on this issue	21
Don't know/ Refused	8

NO QUESTION 25

26. Next, please tell me how closely you have followed these stories that have been in the news recently. (First/Next,) (INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE). READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Did you follow this story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

		Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/Refused
a.	How many people have enrolled in health insurance options under the health care law					
	03/15	10	27	28	34	1
	04/14	18	35	27	19	*
	03/14	16	32	24	27	1
b.	The recent Measles outbreak in the U.S. that sparked debate on whether vaccinations should be required for all kids					
	03/15	33	37	16	13	1
c.	The outbreak of a drug-resistant superbug at UCLA Medical Center that has been linked to contaminated medical scopes					
	03/15	12	21	20	47	1
d.	A data security problem at Anthem health insurance company					
	03/15	10	15	22	52	1
e.	Extending the deadlines for some people to enroll in health insurance through the marketplaces					
	03/15	12	28	27	32	1
f.	Ongoing Republican efforts to repeal or replace the health care law					
	03/15	19	32	24	24	1
g.	The killing of Japanese hostages by ISIS					
	03/15	24	35	20	21	1
h.	The shooting of three Muslim students in Chapel Hill, North Carolina					
	03/15	16	28	21	34	1
i.	The FCC's approval of the net neutrality petition in an effort to maintain an open internet					
	03/15	14	21	21	43	1
j.	Obama's veto of legislation that would have approved construction of the Keystone XL pipeline					
	03/15	21	27	19	32	1

27. Since the most recent measles outbreak began in the U.S. late last year, as far as you know, is the total number of confirmed measles cases in the U.S. closer to one hundred, closer to one thousand, closer to one hundred thousand, or closer to a million?

	03/15
Closer to 100	46
Closer to 1,000	31
Closer to 100,000	8
Closer to a million	2
Don't know/Refused	13

28. How worried are you, if at all, about the outbreak of measles in the U.S.? Very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, not at all worried.

	03/15
Very worried	14
Somewhat worried	29
Not too worried	32
Not at all worried	24
Don't know/Refused	*

QUESTIONS 29-33 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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

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)...?

	03/15
18-29	22
30-49	32
50-64	29
65 and older	17
Don't know/Refused	*

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])?

	03/15
Covered by health insurance	87
Not covered by health insurance	12
Don't know/Refused	1

D4a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/[INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,357)

	03/15
Plan through your employer	37
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	10
Medicare	19
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	10
Somewhere else	5
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1

34. Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov (or [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME]), or through an insurance agent or broker?

Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary D4, D4a, Q34 based on those ages 18-64 (n=1,132)

	03/15
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	38
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	9
Directly from an insurance company	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused	*
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	5

Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	1

35. Regardless of how you purchased your plan, do you know if it is a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, is it NOT a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, or are you not sure? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

Based on purchased own insurance plan except those who bought plan through marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary D4, D4a, Q34, and Q35 based on those ages 18-64 (n=1,132)

	03/15
Covered by health insurance	85
Employer	38
Spouse's employer	11
Self-purchased plan	9
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	5
Marketplace plan	1
Non-marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Don't know/Refused	2
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	5
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	6
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	15
Don't know/Refused	1

36. How long have you been uninsured – less than three months, three months to less than a year, one year to less than two years, or 2 years or more?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=133)

	03/15
Less than 3 months	10
3 months to less than a year	13
1 year to less than 2 years	15
2 years or more	62
Don't know/Refused	--

Summary of D4 and 36 based on those ages 18-64 (n=1,132)

	03/15
Covered by health insurance	85
Not covered by health insurance	15
Less than 3 months	1
3 months to less than a year	2
1 year to less than 2 years	2
2 years or more	9
Don't know/Refused	--
Don't know/Refused	1

37. Do you plan to get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE ONCE: We realize there is still some uncertainty, but if you had to guess, do you think you will get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured?)

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	03/15	01/15	12/14	11/14	10/14	02/14 ¹²	01/14	11/13 ¹³	08/13
Will get health insurance	51	56	57	49	59	49	50	58	58
Will remain uninsured	44	39	35	41	38	44	40	34	32
Don't know/Refused	5	5	8	10	3	7	10	8	10
	(n=133)	(n=149)	(n=131)	(n=154)	(n=145)	(n=137)	(n=173)	(n=151)	(n=178)

Summary of D4 and Q37 based on those ages 18-64

	03/15	01/15	12/14	11/14	10/14	02/14	01/14	11/13	08/13
Covered by health insurance	85	82	84	81	83	83	81	79	80
Not covered by health insurance	15	17	15	18	17	16	19	21	20
Will get health insurance	7	10	9	9	10	8	9	12	11
Will remain uninsured	6	7	5	7	6	7	7	7	6
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*
	(n=1,132)	(n=1,077)	(n=1,099)	(n=1,027)	(n=1,061)	(n=1,054)	(n=1,122)	(n=843)	(n=1,101)

⁹ Trend wording was "As you may know, the health care law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance by the end of March or else pay a fine. Do you think you will obtain health insurance, or do you think you will remain uninsured?"

¹⁰ Trend wording was "As you may know, the health care law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance by 2014 or else pay a fine. Do you think you will obtain health insurance in 2014, or do you think you will remain uninsured?"

38. Do you think you will have to pay a fine for not having health insurance in 2014, or not?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	03/15	12/14 ¹⁴	04/14
Yes, will have to pay a fine	59	37	45
No, will not have to pay a fine	33	44	43
Had insurance in 2014 (VOL.)	1	--	--
Don't know/Refused	7	19	12
	(n=133)	(n=131)	(n=154)

Summary of D4 and Q38 based on those ages 18-64

	03/15	12/14	04/14
Covered by health insurance	85	84	83
Not covered by health insurance	15	15	17
Yes, will have to pay a fine	9	6	8
No, will not have to pay a fine	5	7	7
Had insurance in 2014	*	--	--
Don't know/Refused	1	3	2
Don't know/Refused	1	1	*
	(n=1,132)	(n=1,099)	(n=1,070)

39. If you found out you had to pay a fine for not having health insurance last year in 2014, do you think you would enroll in health insurance or do you think you would remain uninsured?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=133)

	03/15
Enroll in health insurance	38
Remain uninsured	44
Depends on the cost (VOL.)	11
Had insurance in 2014 (VOL.)	2
Don't know/ Refused	4

Summary of D4 and Q39 based on those ages 18-64 (n=1,132)

	03/15
Covered by health insurance	85
Not covered by health insurance	15
Would enroll in health insurance	6
Would remain uninsured	6
Depends on the cost	2
Had insurance in 2014	*
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	1

QUESTIONS 40-44 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

D1. Record respondent's sex

Male	50
Female	50

¹⁴ 2014 trend wording was "Do you think you will have to pay a fine for not having health insurance this year, or not".

D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	47
Living with a partner	8
Widowed	5
Divorced	11
Separated	3
Never been married	25
Don't know/Refused	1

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

Employed full-time	46
Employed part-time	12
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	5
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2
A student	7
Retired	16
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent?	5
Don't know/Refused	*

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

Republican	20
Democrat	31
Independent	34
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	11
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	32
Democrat/Lean Democratic	47
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	20

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Democrat	31
Independent Lean Democratic	16
Independent/Don't lean	20
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	20
Undesignated	*

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

Liberal	27
Moderate	34
Conservative	34
Don't know/Refused	5

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)

Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	30
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	21
Two year associate degree from a college/university	11
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	15
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

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	65
Total non-White	34
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	4
Undesignated	1

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

Based on Hispanics (n=188)

U.S.	44
Puerto Rico	6
Another country	50
Don't know/Refused	--

D14. Last year—that is, in 2014—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	18
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5
\$100,000 or more	16
Don't know/Refused	8

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

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