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U.S. VOTERS OPPOSE HEALTH CARE PLAN BY WIDE MARGIN, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; VOTERS SAY 3-1, PLAN SHOULD NOT PAY FOR ABORTIONS

As the Senate prepares to vote on health care reform, American voters “mostly disapprove” of the plan 53 – 36 percent and disapprove 56 – 38 percent of President Barack Obama’s handling of the health care issue, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Voters also oppose 72 – 23 percent using any public money in the health care overhaul to pay for abortions, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

American voters also disapprove 51 – 44 percent of President Obama’s handling of the economy and disapprove 56 – 37 percent of the way he is creating jobs. But voters favor 52 – 42 percent his plan to use \$200 billion left over from the bank bailout for a new stimulus package to create jobs rather than to reduce the budget deficit.

Only 31 percent of voters say Obama’s policies will help their personal financial situation, while 37 percent say his policies will hurt and 30 percent say his policies will make no difference. Among voters in households where someone has lost a job in the last year, 37 percent say Obama policies will help them personally, while 37 percent say they will hurt.

Looking at the health care plan, independent voters “mostly disapprove” 58 – 30 percent, as do Republicans 83 – 10 percent. Democrats “mostly approve” 64 – 22 percent.

“As President Barack Obama’s numbers on health care have declined so has his margin over Republicans on whom American voters trust most on the issue,” said Peter Brown, Assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. “In July he enjoyed a 20-point edge on the trust question, and that margin has been narrowing, to 45 – 40 percent today.”

While voters oppose the health care plan, they back two options cut from the Senate bill, supporting 56 – 38 percent giving people the option of coverage by a government health insurance plan and backing 64 – 30 percent allowing younger people to buy into Medicare.

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On the timing of action of health care, 31 percent support the proposals “currently being considered” and want Congress and the President to take action now; 28 percent oppose those proposals but want action on the issue now, while 36 percent don’t want action on the issue now.

“While the Senate leadership reportedly has the votes to pass a health care overhaul plan this week, outside the Beltway there appears to be weak support, both to what voters understand as the plan, and the need to pass that plan now,” said Brown. “Although a small majority favors abortion rights, allowing the use of public money for the procedure under a national health care plan, which has been a matter of some dispute in both houses of Congress, is extremely unpopular.”

By 73 – 18 percent, voters don’t believe President Obama will be able to keep his promise to overhaul health care without increasing the federal deficit and by 56 – 37 percent they don’t want the overhaul if it will increase the deficit.

A total of 91 percent of American voters describe the economy as “not so good” or “poor.” Voters split 28 – 28 percent on whether it is getting better or worse with 43 percent seeing no change. The results on both questions are virtually identical to when Quinnipiac University asked them in July.

“On Wall Street, the stock market’s performance has many people optimistic and economists may be telling us that the recession is over. But on Main Street, Americans think the economy is still in the toilet,” Brown said.

But voters say 49 – 29 percent that Obama’s policies will help the economy and voters trust him rather than Republicans in Congress 45 – 36 percent to handle the economy.

“In what might be his brightest point in an otherwise dark economic picture, more Americans believe President Obama’s policies will help the economy, even if they don’t believe those policies will help them personally,” said Brown. “And they trust the President more than the Republicans to fix things.”

From December 15 – 20, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,616 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.4 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio and the nation as a public service and for research.

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4. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today?
 Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Very satisfied	2%	-	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	8%
Smwht satisfied	24	8	41	21	22	26	20	43
Smwht dissatisfied	34	36	35	32	34	34	34	26
Very dissatisfied	40	56	19	45	43	37	43	23
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Very satisfied	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%	2%
Smwht satisfied	27	21	25	24	22	28	32	29	14
Smwht dissatisfied	39	33	32	33	38	33	42	40	26
Very dissatisfied	34	42	41	41	38	35	21	29	58
DK/NA	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-

	WHITE.....						
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Very satisfied	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	2%	2%
Smwht satisfied	22	29	13	18	24	18	15
Smwht dissatisfied	32	38	31	29	38	31	33
Very dissatisfied	43	31	55	51	37	49	50
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	-	-

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	VERY+SMWHT SAT						
	High		Low				
	Dec 22 2009	Dec 9 2009	Nov 19 2009	Oct 8 2009	Aug 6 2009	Dec 11 2001	Nov 13 2008
Very satisfied	2	3	3	3	4	21	2
Smwht satisfied	24	26	27	27	31	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	34	32	30	31	30	19	38
Very dissatisfied	40	39	39	38	34	10	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	3	2

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	44%	13%	76%	38%	41%	46%	36%	85%
Disapprove	51	85	20	55	55	47	58	11
DK/NA	5	2	4	7	4	6	6	4

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	50%	42%	42%	44%	46%	43%	72%	50%	22%
Disapprove	45	53	52	49	52	54	23	42	75
DK/NA	5	4	6	7	2	3	5	8	3

	WHITE.....					Mltry	JobLoss
	NoColl	Coll	BrnAgn	Prot	Cath	HsHlds	HsHldsQ18
	Degree	Degree	Evngl				
Approve	43%	47%	21%	28%	39%	36%	40%
Disapprove	51	50	74	66	59	60	57
DK/NA	6	3	5	6	2	4	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	APPROVE.....						
	Dec 22	Dec 9	Nov 18	Oct 8	Aug 6	High	Low
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	Mar 4	Dec 9
						2009	2009
Approve	44	41	43	47	45	57	41
Disapprove	51	54	52	46	49	33	54
DK/NA	5	5	5	7	6	10	5

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - health care?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	38%	9%	69%	32%	36%	40%	31%	74%
Disapprove	56	88	26	61	59	54	64	21
DK/NA	6	3	5	7	5	7	6	5

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	46%	35%	36%	38%	37%	40%	70%	44%	17%
Disapprove	49	60	57	55	57	58	25	49	79
DK/NA	5	5	7	7	6	3	5	7	4

	WHITE.....					Mltry	JobLoss
	NoColl	Coll	BrnAgn	Prot	Cath	HsHlds	HsHldsQ18
	Degree	Degree	Evngl				
Approve	37%	42%	18%	23%	32%	33%	34%
Disapprove	57	53	78	72	63	63	62
DK/NA	6	5	4	5	5	5	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - health care?

	Dec 22 2009	Dec 9 2009	Nov 19 2009	Oct 8 2009	Aug 5 2009	July 2 2009
Approve	38	38	41	41	39	46
Disapprove	56	56	53	51	52	42
DK/NA	6	6	6	8	9	13

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - creating jobs?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	37%	12%	66%	28%	34%	40%	31%	73%
Disapprove	56	82	29	62	59	52	62	19
DK/NA	8	6	6	10	7	8	7	9

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+	INCOME..... <50	50-100	>100K	POL Lib	PHIL..... Mod	Con
Approve	42%	36%	34%	37%	38%	39%	63%	40%	19%
Disapprove	50	58	55	54	55	56	32	50	75
DK/NA	7	6	11	9	7	5	5	10	6

	WHITE.....	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Approve	36%	38%	20%	25%	33%	32%	33%	
Disapprove	56	54	74	67	63	61	62	
DK/NA	7	8	7	8	4	7	5	

11. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Excellent	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%
Good	7	5	9	8	7	8	7	10
Not so good	46	40	57	42	45	48	45	56
Poor	45	55	33	49	46	44	47	31
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	2

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+	INCOME..... <50	50-100	>100K	POL Lib	PHIL..... Mod	Con
Excellent	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Good	11	5	7	8	5	10	9	8	6
Not so good	47	45	47	44	53	47	52	50	40
Poor	41	49	44	47	41	42	39	41	53
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	1

	WHITE.....	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Excellent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Good	7	8	5	5	8	7	3	
Not so good	44	52	40	44	51	43	35	
Poor	47	40	54	51	40	48	61	
DK/NA	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	

TREND: Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as - excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Dec 22 2009	Nov 18 2009	Aug 6 2009	July 2 2009	Apr 29 2009	EXLNT+GOOD....	
						High Dec 10 2003	Low Mar 4 2009
Excellent	-	-	-	1	-	3	-
Good	7	8	6	7	6	37	3
Not so good	46	42	49	44	41	42	28
Poor	45	49	44	47	52	16	68
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	-

12. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Better	28%	15%	46%	21%	28%	29%	27%	41%
Worse	28	43	13	29	27	28	30	15
The same	43	40	39	49	45	41	42	43
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Better	30%	28%	27%	23%	32%	43%	42%	33%	17%
Worse	18	32	29	30	27	20	11	22	41
The same	52	39	41	46	40	36	47	45	40
DK/NA	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2

	WHITE.....						
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Better	23%	40%	17%	24%	27%	23%	19%
Worse	31	19	43	36	23	36	37
The same	44	40	39	39	49	40	43
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	1	1	1

TREND: Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Dec 22 2009	Aug 6 2009	July 2 2009	Apr 29 2009	Apr 1 2009
Better	28	28	27	24	19
Worse	28	29	29	33	32
The same	43	41	42	42	47
DK/NA	1	2	2	2	2

13. Who do you trust to do a better job handling the economy - President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Obama	45%	8%	82%	39%	41%	49%	38%	86%
Reps in Congress	36	78	8	33	41	31	42	5
DK/NA	19	15	10	28	18	20	20	9

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Obama	49%	43%	46%	47%	43%	46%	79%	54%	19%
Reps in Congress	31	40	34	33	36	42	10	27	60
DK/NA	20	17	21	20	21	12	11	19	21

	WHITE.....						JobLoss
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Obama	43%	50%	20%	28%	39%	37%	40%
Reps in Congress	36	35	56	49	46	40	39
DK/NA	21	15	23	23	15	23	21

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling the economy - President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Dec 22 2009	Aug 6 2009	July 2 2009	Apr 1 2009	Mar 4 2009
President Obama	45	47	54	55	56
Reps in Congress	36	36	32	27	26
DK/NA	19	17	14	18	18

14. Do you think President Obama's policies have helped the economy, hurt the economy, or haven't made a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Helped	37%	10%	64%	33%	36%	39%	32%	75%
Hurt	28	53	6	30	33	23	34	3
No difference	31	33	27	33	29	33	31	16
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	2	6	3	6

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Helped	37%	38%	37%	37%	36%	41%	60%	45%	16%
Hurt	19	31	31	25	29	31	5	19	50
No difference	38	28	30	33	32	25	32	33	30
DK/NA	6	3	3	4	3	2	2	3	4

	WHITE.....						JobLoss
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Helped	35%	44%	17%	28%	32%	32%	34%
Hurt	28	27	47	42	28	38	28
No difference	33	26	32	28	38	26	32
DK/NA	4	2	3	2	2	4	6

TREND: Do you think President Obama's policies have helped the economy, hurt the economy, or haven't made a difference?

	Dec 22 2009	Aug 6 2009
Helped	37	37
Hurt	28	29
No difference	31	31
DK/NA	4	4

15. Looking forward, do you think President Obama's policies will help the economy, will hurt the economy, or won't make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Will help	49%	15%	82%	45%	44%	54%	40%	88%
Will hurt	29	56	3	33	37	22	36	1
No difference	17	23	11	18	16	18	19	8
DK/NA	5	6	4	4	3	7	5	3

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Will help	63%	46%	44%	52%	48%	46%	81%	59%	24%
Will hurt	19	33	30	23	34	38	5	17	52
No difference	14	17	20	19	16	13	11	19	19
DK/NA	5	4	6	6	2	3	3	5	5

	WHITE.....						
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Will help	48%	52%	21%	30%	46%	41%	49%
Will hurt	28	32	47	42	35	39	29
No difference	18	14	25	23	16	16	17
DK/NA	6	2	6	5	3	4	6

TREND: Looking forward, do you think President Obama's policies will help the economy, will hurt the economy, or won't make a difference?

	Dec 22 2009	Aug 6 2009
Will help	49	49
Will hurt	29	33
No difference	17	14
DK/NA	5	4

16. Do you think President Obama's policies have helped your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or haven't made a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Helped	15%	5%	25%	12%	16%	14%	10%	45%
Hurt	26	41	9	30	27	25	29	12
No difference	58	53	65	58	57	59	60	42
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....			POL	PHIL.....			
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Helped	15%	17%	13%	17%	10%	13%	16%	18%	11%
Hurt	19	28	29	27	22	27	8	22	39
No difference	66	55	57	56	68	60	76	59	49
DK/NA	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1

	WHITE.....							
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18	
Helped	16%	13%	4%	7%	12%	14%	18%	
Hurt	28	21	36	32	27	28	32	
No difference	55	65	59	60	60	58	49	
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	

TREND: Do you think President Obama's policies have helped your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or haven't made a difference?

	Dec 22 2009	Aug 6 2009
Helped	15	13
Hurt	26	23
No difference	58	63
DK/NA	1	1

17. Looking forward, do you think President Obama's policies will help your personal financial situation, will hurt your personal financial situation, or won't make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Will help	31%	7%	51%	30%	27%	35%	23%	72%
Will hurt	37	63	13	40	41	33	45	6
No difference	30	29	34	28	31	29	30	23
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	-

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Will help	43%	28%	26%	35%	28%	23%	49%	38%	15%
Will hurt	27	42	38	33	37	45	12	29	59
No difference	29	28	33	29	32	31	38	30	25
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	1

	WHITE.....					Mltry	JobLoss
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	HsHlds	HsHldsQ18
Will help	31%	31%	10%	17%	28%	27%	37%
Will hurt	37	37	58	50	43	42	37
No difference	30	30	30	30	27	29	24
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	2	2	1

TREND: Looking forward, do you think President Obama's policies will help your personal financial situation, will hurt your personal financial situation, or won't make a difference?

	Dec 22 2009	Aug 6 2009
Will help	31	33
Will hurt	37	36
No difference	30	28
DK/NA	2	3

18. In the last year, have you or has anyone living in your household been laid off or lost their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes	28%	27%	27%	31%	28%	29%	25%	33%
No	72	73	73	69	72	71	75	67
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	36%	33%	16%	36%	23%	13%	26%	30%	27%
No	64	67	84	64	77	87	74	70	73
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	WHITE.....					Mltry	JobLoss
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	HsHlds	HsHldsQ18
Yes	32%	18%	27%	22%	25%	34%	100%
No	68	81	73	78	75	65	-
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

19. Do you think that the 200 billion dollars left over from the bank bailout should be used for a stimulus package to create jobs or should it go to reduce the federal budget deficit?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Jobs stimulus	52%	33%	73%	47%	45%	59%	45%	86%	
Reduce deficit	42	62	21	48	50	35	49	10	
DK/NA	6	5	6	5	5	6	6	4	
	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Jobs stimulus	62%	49%	49%	57%	50%	43%	75%	55%	38%
Reduce deficit	34	45	44	37	45	54	21	39	57
DK/NA	4	6	6	6	5	4	4	6	5
	WHITE.....								
	NoColl	Coll	BrnAgn			Mltry	JobLoss		
	Degree	Degree	Evngl	Prot	Cath	HsHlds	HsHldsQ18		
Jobs stimulus	55%	46%	36%	40%	45%	49%	62%		
Reduce deficit	39	49	56	54	48	47	32		
DK/NA	6	5	8	6	6	4	6		

20. Who do you trust to do a better job handling health care - President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Obama	45%	9%	80%	39%	40%	49%	36%	85%	
Reps in Congress	40	80	10	39	44	36	46	11	
DK/NA	16	11	10	22	16	15	18	3	
	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Obama	54%	41%	43%	48%	42%	43%	81%	51%	19%
Reps in Congress	36	43	38	36	41	44	11	34	62
DK/NA	10	16	19	16	16	12	7	15	19
	WHITE.....								
	NoColl	Coll	BrnAgn			Mltry	JobLoss		
	Degree	Degree	Evngl	Prot	Cath	HsHlds	HsHldsQ18		
Obama	44%	48%	20%	28%	35%	36%	42%		
Reps in Congress	39	41	58	52	52	42	43		
DK/NA	17	12	21	20	13	21	15		

TREND: Who do you trust to do a better job handling health care - President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Dec 22 2009	Dec 9 2009	Nov 19 2009	Oct 8 2009	Aug 5 2009	July 1 2009
President Obama	45	44	45	47	46	53
Reps in Congress	40	37	36	31	37	33
DK/NA	16	19	19	21	16	14

21. From what you've heard or read, do you mostly approve or mostly disapprove of the proposed changes to the health care system under consideration in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Mostly approve	36%	10%	64%	30%	34%	38%	28%	70%
Mostly disapprove	53	83	22	58	56	50	61	17
DK/NA	11	7	14	12	11	12	10	13

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Mostly approve	48%	34%	30%	35%	34%	41%	67%	39%	18%
Mostly disapprove	41	58	55	51	56	55	23	47	75
DK/NA	11	8	15	14	10	4	10	14	7

	WHITE.....						Mltry	JobLoss
	NoColl	Coll	BrnAgn	Prot	Cath	HsHlds	HsHldsQ18	
	Degree	Degree	Evngl					
Mostly approve	34%	41%	17%	22%	30%	26%	33%	
Mostly disapprove	53	53	72	66	61	61	54	
DK/NA	13	7	11	11	9	13	13	

TREND: From what you've heard or read, do you mostly approve or mostly disapprove of the proposed changes to the health care system under consideration in Congress?

	Dec 22	Dec 9
	2009	2009
Mostly approve	36	38
Mostly disapprove	53	52
DK/NA	11	10

22. Which comes closer to describing your own views - the president and Congress need to take on health care reform now, and I support the proposals currently being considered, the president and Congress need to take on health care reform now, but I don't support the proposals being considered or I don't think the president and Congress should take on health care reform right now?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Now/support	31%	8%	55%	26%	28%	34%	23%	65%
Now/don't support	28	29	25	31	28	29	31	9
Not now	36	60	14	38	40	32	41	14
DK/NA	5	3	6	4	4	5	4	12

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Now/support	37%	30%	29%	34%	26%	32%	53%	35%	16%
Now/don't support	33	30	22	26	33	29	30	33	24
Not now	25	37	43	34	37	37	14	26	57
DK/NA	6	3	6	6	4	2	3	7	3

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22. (cont'd) Which comes closer to describing your own views - the president and Congress need to take on health care reform now, and I support the proposals currently being considered, the president and Congress need to take on health care reform now, but I don't support the proposals being considered or I don't think the president and Congress should take on health care reform now?

	WHITE.....						
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Now/support	30%	35%	12%	17%	26%	25%	29%
Now/don't support	27	32	28	27	36	25	33
Not now	38	30	55	50	36	46	33
DK/NA	6	3	4	5	3	4	5

23. Do you support or oppose giving people the option of being covered by a government health insurance plan that would compete with private plans?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	56%	24%	83%	54%	53%	58%	51%	80%
Oppose	38	70	12	41	44	33	43	13
DK/NA	6	6	5	5	3	9	6	7

	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL	PHIL.....	
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Support	67%	54%	50%	57%	56%	57%	85%	66%	33%
Oppose	27	41	42	35	39	41	12	29	63
DK/NA	5	5	8	8	4	2	3	6	5

	WHITE.....						
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Support	55%	58%	36%	42%	57%	51%	59%
Oppose	37	40	57	51	41	43	34
DK/NA	8	2	6	7	2	6	7

TREND: Do you support or oppose giving people the option of being covered by a government health insurance plan that would compete with private plans?

	Dec 22 2009	Dec 9 2009	Nov 19 2009	Oct 8 2009	Aug 5 2009	July 1 2009
Support	56	56	57	61	62	69
Oppose	38	38	35	34	32	26
DK/NA	6	6	8	6	6	5

24. Do you support or oppose allowing Americans ages 55 to 64 to purchase Medicare coverage?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	64%	50%	81%	57%	64%	63%	60%	72%
Oppose	30	44	14	36	32	29	34	20
DK/NA	6	6	5	7	4	8	7	8

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Support	80%	65%	49%	66%	63%	62%	82%	68%	52%
Oppose	17	29	43	29	30	34	13	27	43
DK/NA	3	6	8	6	7	4	5	5	6

	WHITE.....						
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Support	64%	62%	53%	52%	60%	57%	68%
Oppose	30	32	39	40	36	37	25
DK/NA	6	6	8	8	4	6	7

25. Do you support or oppose allowing abortions to be paid for by public funds under a health care reform bill?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Support	23%	5%	38%	23%	21%	25%	23%	20%
Oppose	72	91	54	74	73	70	72	67
DK/NA	5	4	8	4	6	5	5	13

	AGE IN YRS.....	INCOME.....	POL	PHIL.....					
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Support	28%	20%	22%	20%	23%	37%	49%	27%	6%
Oppose	69	73	72	75	71	61	46	66	90
DK/NA	2	7	6	6	5	2	5	7	4

	WHITE.....						
	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Support	19%	35%	6%	15%	21%	21%	20%
Oppose	76	59	91	80	75	73	75
DK/NA	5	6	3	4	4	6	5

26. President Obama has pledged that health insurance reform will not add to our federal budget deficit over the next decade. Do you think that President Obama will be able to keep his promise or do you think any health care plan that Congress passes and President Obama signs will add to the federal budget deficit?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Keep promise	18%	3%	32%	13%	16%	19%	13%	39%	
Add to deficit	73	92	52	80	76	70	80	38	
DK/NA	9	4	15	7	8	10	7	22	
	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Keep promise	17%	19%	16%	18%	16%	17%	32%	18%	9%
Add to deficit	75	74	70	71	75	77	56	73	85
DK/NA	7	7	14	11	8	6	12	9	6
	WHITE.....								
	NoColl	Coll	BrnAgn		Mltry		JobLoss		
	Degree	Degree	Evngl	Prot	Cath	HsHlds	HsHldsQ18		
Keep promise	16%	21%	7%	10%	14%	14%	17%		
Add to deficit	73	74	87	83	81	75	77		
DK/NA	11	5	6	7	5	11	6		

TREND: President Obama has pledged that health insurance reform will not add to our federal budget deficit over the next decade. Do you think that President Obama will be able to keep his promise or do you think any health care plan that Congress passes and President Obama signs will add to the federal budget deficit?

	Dec 22	Dec 9	Nov 19	Oct 8	Aug 5
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
Keep promise	18	19	19	19	21
Add to deficit	73	74	72	71	72
DK/NA	9	7	9	9	7

27. Do you agree or disagree with the following - overhauling the nation's health care system is so important that it should be enacted even if it significantly increases the federal budget deficit.

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Agree	37%	11%	63%	34%	35%	39%	32%	59%	
Disagree	56	84	29	60	59	53	63	24	
DK/NA	7	4	8	6	6	8	5	17	
	AGE IN YRS.....			INCOME.....			POL PHIL.....		
	18-34	35-54	55+	<50	50-100	>100K	Lib	Mod	Con
Agree	44%	36%	35%	41%	34%	39%	67%	40%	20%
Disagree	51	60	54	51	61	60	31	53	74
DK/NA	4	5	11	9	5	1	3	6	6

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27. (cont'd) Do you agree or disagree with the following - overhauling the nation's health care system is so important that it should be enacted even if it significantly increases the federal budget deficit.

	NoColl Degree	Coll Degree	WHITE..... BrnAgn Evngl	Prot	Cath	Mltry HsHlds	JobLoss HsHldsQ18
Agree	35%	42%	19%	26%	34%	27%	40%
Disagree	56	55	77	69	61	66	54
DK/NA	8	2	4	5	5	7	6

TREND: Do you agree or disagree with the following: Overhauling the nation's health care system is so important that it should be enacted even if it significantly increases the federal budget deficit.

	Dec 22 2009	Aug 5 2009
Agree	37	37
Disagree	56	57
DK/NA	7	6