



THE MORNING CONSULT NATIONAL SURVEY:
PUBLIC OPINION ON THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
TOPLINE RESULTS

Methodology:

THIS MORNING CONSULT POLL WAS CONDUCTED FROM MAY 22-26, 2013, AMONG A NATIONAL SAMPLE OF 1,000 LIKELY VOTERS. 700 INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED VIA LANDLINE, ALONG WITH 300 INTERVIEWS OF CELL-PHONE ONLY USERS REACHED VIA THE INTERNET. THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY REPUBLICAN POLLSTER JOHN McLAUGHLIN OF McLAUGHLIN & ASSOCIATES AND DEMOCRATIC POLLSTER MARGIE OMEMO OF MOMENTUM ANALYSIS. RESULTS FROM THE FULL SAMPLE HAVE A MARGIN OF ERROR OF PLUS OR MINUS THREE PERCENTAGE POINTS.

Q2: HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT YOU WILL VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 2014 ELECTION FOR CONGRESS

Very likely	86
Somewhat likely	14

Q3: WITH WHICH POLITICAL PARTY ARE YOU AFFILIATED?

Republican	30
Democrat	37
Independent	29
Other	2
DK/Refused	2

Q4: NOW, IF THE ELECTION FOR U.S. CONGRESS IN YOUR DISTRICT WAS HELD TODAY, WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES HOW LIKELY YOU ARE TO VOTE BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE AND THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE?

Def. Democratic	22
Prob. Dem.	13
Lean Dem.	7
Def. Republican	18
Prob. GOP	14
Lean GOP	7
Undecided	18

Q5: OVERALL, DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB THAT BARACK OBAMA IS DOING AS PRESIDENT?

Strongly Approve	24
Somewhat Approve	24
Somewhat Disapprove	11
Strongly Disapprove	39
DK/Refused	2

Q13: DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, ALSO KNOWN AS OBAMACARE

Strongly Approve	23
Somewhat Approve	20
Somewhat Disapprove	8
Strongly Disapprove	41
DK/Refused	7

Q14: HOW DO YOU THINK OBAMACARE WILL AFFECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY? WILL IT MAKE THINGS

A Lot Better	8
A Little Better	15
Have No Effect	23
A Little Worse	11
A Lot Worse	33
DK/Refused	9

Q15: NOW, THINKING ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU PAY IN TOTAL HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS, SUCH AS APPOINTMENT CO-PAYMENTS, MONTHLY PREMIUMS, DEDUCTIBLES AND DRUG CO-PAYMENTS, WILL "OBAMACARE" MAKE THEM?

Much More Expensive	29
Smwt. More Exp.	19
Remain the Same	24
Smwt. Less Exp.	11
Much Less Expensive	4
DK/Refused	14

Q16: NOW, THINKING ABOUT THE MEDICAL BENEFITS THAT YOU RECEIVE FROM YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE, SUCH AS DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS, MEDICAL TREATMENTS AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, WILL "OBAMACARE" MAKE THEM?

Much More Available	7
Smwt. More Avail.	11
Remain the Same	37
Smwt. Less Avail.	13
Much Less Available	21
DK/Refused	11

Q17: SINCE "OBAMACARE" IS CURRENTLY THE LAW AND IS NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE CONGRESS PURSUE? 1. CONGRESS SHOULD LET OBAMACARE TAKE EFFECT. 2. CONGRESS SHOULD NOT TRY TO REPEAL OR DELAY OBAMACARE AND INSTEAD FOCUS ON MAKING CHANGES TO IMPROVE THE LAW. 3. CONGRESS SHOULD TRY TO DELAY OBAMACARE BY VOTING TO DELAY, DEFEND AND DO ANYTHING IT CAN TO STOP THE ENROLLMENT OF PEOPLE IN THE LEGISLATION. 4. CONGRESS SHOULD SIMPLY TRY TO REPEAL ALL OF OBAMACARE.

Let Law Take Effect	23
Changes to Improve	29
Delay and Defund	8
Try to Repeal	34
DK/Refused	6

Q36: OBAMACARE REQUIRES THAT IN 2014 EVERY AMERICAN PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE OR PAY A FINE. DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS COMPONENT OF OBAMACARE?

Strongly Favor	18
Somewhat Favor	15
Somewhat Oppose	13
Strongly Oppose	49
Neither	5

Q37: NOW, MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHEN IT COMES TO REQUIRING THAT EVERY AMERICAN PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE OR PAY A FINE, WITH WHOM DO YOU AGREE MORE? 1. SOME WHO SAY THIS IS A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE REQUIRING EVERY AMERICAN TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE IS THE MOST RESPONSIBLE APPROACH AND ACTUALLY LOWERS HEALTHCARE COSTS. THEY SAY THIS WOULD PREVENT 2. OTHERS WHO SAY THAT THIS IS A BAD IDEA BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT FORCE INDIVIDUALS TO PURCHASE SOMETHING THEY DO NOT WANT. WHILE WELL INTENTIONED, THEY ALSO SAY ADDING MORE

Good Idea	37
Bad Idea	53
DK/Refused	10

Q38: UNDER "OBAMACARE," PEOPLE CAN ONLY RECEIVE A PAYMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HELP THEM PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE IF THEY ARE NOT OFFERED HEALTH INSURANCE BY AN EMPLOYER. KNOWING THIS, WOULD YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE CHANGING THIS SO ALL INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PAYMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HELP THEM PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE?

Strongly Favor	19
Somewhat Favor	20
Somewhat Oppose	17
Strongly Oppose	30
Neither	13

Q39: NOW, WHEN IT COMES TO ALLOWING ALL INDIVIDUALS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PAYMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HELP PEOPLE PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE IF THEY ARE NOT OFFERED HEALTH INSURANCE BY AN EMPLOYER, DO YOU THINK THAT IS A

Good Idea	39
Bad Idea	49
DK/Refused	12

Q42: UNDER "OBAMACARE" EMPLOYERS WITH MORE THAN 50 EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES OR PAY A PENALTY. KNOWING THIS WOULD YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE ELIMINATING THIS REQUIREMENT?

Strongly Favor	30
Somewhat Favor	16
Somewhat Oppose	17
Strongly Oppose	28
Neither	9

Q43: NOW, WHEN IT COMES TO ELIMINATING THIS REQUIREMENT, WITH WHOM DO YOU AGREE MORE?
1. SOME WHO SAY THIS IS A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE THIS REQUIREMENT DISCOURAGES SMALL BUSINESSES FROM ADDING MORE EMPLOYEES AND WILL ENCOURAGE LARGER BUSINESSES TO LAY OFF WORKERS AND MOVE OTHERS. 2. OTHERS WHO SAY THAT THIS IS A BAD IDEA BECAUSE EMPLOYERS WILL STOP OFFERING HEALTH INSURANCE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES WHICH WILL FORCE AMERICANS TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE ON THEIR OWN AND NEGOTIATE

Good Idea	38
Bad Idea	43
DK/Refused	19

Q44: UNDER "OBAMACARE" INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL BE TAXED TO PAY FOR EXPANDED HEALTHCARE COVERAGE FOR LOW-INCOME AMERICANS. SOME SAY THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO AFFORD THIS TAX BECAUSE OF THE NEW CUSTOMERS. OTHERS SAY THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL PASS THIS NEW TAX ONTO EVERYONE IN HIGHER COSTS. KNOWING THIS, DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS NEW TAX ON INSURANCE COMPANIES?

Strongly Favor	18
Somewhat Favor	18
Somewhat Oppose	15
Strongly Oppose	35
Neither	14

Q45: OBAMACARE INCLUDES A FEE ON DRUG COMPANIES TO HELP PAY FOR THE LAW'S EXPANDED MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS. SOME SAY THAT DRUG COMPANIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO AFFORD THIS FEE BECAUSE OF THE NEW CUSTOMERS. OTHERS SAY THAT DRUG COMPANIES WILL PASS THIS NEW FEE ONTO EVERYONE IN HIGHER COSTS. KNOWING THIS DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS FEE ON DRUG COMPANIES?

Strongly Favor	23
Somewhat Favor	18
Somewhat Oppose	14
Strongly Oppose	32
Neither	12

Q46: "OBAMACARE" ALSO INCLUDES A TAX ON MEDICAL DEVICE COMPANIES TO HELP PAY FOR EXPANDED HEALTHCARE COVERAGE FOR LOW-INCOME AMERICANS. SOME SAY THAT MEDICAL DEVICE COMPANIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO AFFORD THIS TAX BECAUSE OF THE NEW CUSTOMERS. OTHERS SAY THAT MEDICAL DEVICE COMPANIES WILL PASS THIS NEW TAX ONTO EVERYONE IN HIGHER COSTS. KNOWING THIS, PLEASE TELL ME WHETHER YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS TAX ON MEDICAL DEVICE COMPANIES?

Strongly Favor	19
Somewhat Favor	19
Somewhat Oppose	15
Strongly Oppose	35
Neither	12

Q47: IF YOU WERE TO LABEL YOURSELF, WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE A LIBERAL, A MODERATE, OR A CONSERVATIVE IN YOUR POLITICAL BELIEFS?

Very Liberal	12
Liberal	14
Moderate	31
Conservative	18
Very Conservative	19
DK/Refused	6

Q48: ARE YOU, YOURSELF, NOW COVERED BY ANY FORM OF HEALTH INSURANCE OR HEALTH PLAN OR DO YOU NOT HAVE HEALTH COVERAGE AT THIS TIME?

Covered	87
Not Covered	10
DK/Refused	3

Q49: FOR YOUR HEALTHCARE RE YOU COVERED BY A..?

Employer	51
Union	3
Parent/Guardian	3
Purchased Yourself	12
Medicare	18
Medicaid	6
Military/Veterans	6
DK/Refused	2

Q50: HAVE YOU PURCHASED A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ONLINE?

Yes	7
No	92
DK/Refused	1

Q51: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES WHY YOU DONT HAVE COVERAGE? IS IT BECAUSE

Costs Too Much	10
Employer Does Not Offer	69
Not Interested	5
Pre-Existing Conditions	9
DK/Refused	8
