



POLL TOPLINES: HOUSE MAJORITY NOT AT STAKE OVER DEFUND OF OBAMACARE

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		- 1000		Total
		- 729	72.9	ALWAYS
		- 191	19.1	ALMOST ALWAYS
		- 80	8.0	SOMETIMES
Pg	4	2	Q2. -	IF YOU HAD TO LABEL YOURSELF, WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE A LIBERAL, A MODERATE OR A CONSERVATIVE IN YOUR POLITICAL BELIEFS?
		- 1000		Total
		- 153	15.3	LIBERAL
		- 61	6.1	Very Lib.
		- 92	9.2	Somewhat Lib.
		- 309	30.9	MODERATE
		- 483	48.3	CONSERVATIVE
		- 241	24.1	Somewhat Cons.
		- 242	24.2	Very Cons.
		- 55	5.5	DK/REFUSED
Pg	10	3	Q3. -	WHEN YOU ARE CONSIDERING WHOM TO VOTE FOR IN ELECTIONS FOR CONGRESS, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES IS YOUR TOP VOTING CONCERN?
		- 1000		Total
		- 415	41.5	THE ECONOMY
		- 139	13.9	SOC. SEC./MEDICARE
		- 104	10.4	HEALTH CARE
		- 91	9.1	THE NATIONAL DEBT
		- 58	5.8	NATIONAL SECURITY
		- 38	3.8	TAXES
		- 38	3.8	ABORTION
		- 29	2.9	THE ENVIRONMENT
		- 17	1.7	IMMIGRATION
		- 71	7.1	DK/REFUSED

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Pg 16 4 Q4. - NOW I WANT TO ASK YOU A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, WHICH IS SOMETIMES KNOWN AS "OBAMACARE."
"IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHEN YOU THINK OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HEALTH CARE LAW, OR "OBAMACARE," WHAT MOST COMES TO YOUR MIND?"

- 1000	Total
- 66	6.6 EXPENSIVE/UNFUNDED
- 58	5.8 UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
- 48	4.8 VAR NEGATIVE TERMS
- 45	4.5 CONFUSING/COMPLEX
- 45	4.5 BAD/DISLIKE
- 42	4.2 COST HIKES
- 38	3.8 DISASTER
- 36	3.6 VARIOUS NEGATIVE
- 33	3.3 GOOD
- 32	3.2 IMPACT ON SENIORS
- 26	2.6 COVER NEEDY/UNINSURED
- 25	2.5 SOCIALISM
- 25	2.5 MANDATE
- 25	2.5 CAN'T/WON'T WORK
- 19	1.9 NEED MORE INFORMATION
- 19	1.9 GOVERNMENT CONTROL
- 19	1.9 VARIOUS POSITIVE
- 18	1.8 HARMS PEOPLE
- 17	1.7 NEEDS WORK
- 17	1.7 IMPACT/SMALL BUSINESS
- 14	1.4 IT'S A START
- 14	1.4 HANDOUT/WELFARE
- 14	1.4 REPEAL IT
- 13	1.3 NEEDED
- 11	1.1 AT LAST/OVERDUE
- 11	1.1 GOV'T INTERFERENCE
- 11	1.1 LOSE CHOICE/OPTION
- 10	1.0 FAIRNESS
- 10	1.0 SCAM/RIP OFF
- 9	0.9 OBAMA
- 9	0.9 GOP OPPOSE/OBSTRUCT
- 8	0.8 AFFORDABLE
- 7	0.7 OVERREACH
- 7	0.7 ILLEGAL/UNCONSTITUTNL
- 6	0.6 OK PRE-EXISTING COND.
- 6	0.6 HEALTH CARE
- 6	0.6 UNFAIR
- 6	0.6 DECEPTIVE
- 5	0.5 HELPS ME/FAMILY
- 5	0.5 HELPS PEOPLE
- 5	0.5 CONTROVERSY
- 5	0.5 TAX HIKE
- 5	0.5 MISGUIDED
- 4	0.4 CHANGE/REFORM
- 4	0.4 WASTE/OF MONEY
- 4	0.4 NOT NEEDED
- 4	0.4 BUREAUCRACY
- 4	0.4 MIXED BAG
- 3	0.3 SINGLE PAYER ISSUE
- 3	0.3 COVER ADULT KIDS
- 3	0.3 SCARY
- 3	0.3 RATIONED CARE/WAIT
- 3	0.3 BAD FOR DOCTORS
- 2	0.2 ACCESSIBLE
- 2	0.2 SAFETY NET
- 2	0.2 NATIONAL HEALTH CARE
- 2	0.2 DEATH PANELS
- 2	0.2 LOSS OF COVERAGE
- 2	0.2 WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES
- 1	0.1 INSURANCE
- 1	0.1 MISREPRESENT/MALIGN
- 1	0.1 UNCERTAIN
- 1	0.1 GOVT INEPT/MISMANAGE
- 99	9.9 DON'T KNOW

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Pg 40 5 Q5. - WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING THREE VIEWS COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR OWN?
 1. I SUPPORT THE HEALTH CARE LAW, AND THINK IT SHOULD GO FORWARD FULLY AND WITHOUT CHANGES.
 2. I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE LAW, AND THINK ITS IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE SLOWED DOWN, AND CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO IT. OR
 3. I OPPOSE THE HEALTH CARE LAW, AND THINK IT SHOULD BE REPEALED.

- 1000	Total
- 200	20.0 SUPPORT/GO FORWARD
- 320	32.0 SLOWED DOWN/CHANGED
- 445	44.5 OPPOSE/REPEALED
- 35	3.5 DK/REFUSED

Pg 43 6 Q6. - AS YOU MIGHT KNOW, MAJOR PARTS OF THE OBAMA HEALTH CARE LAW WILL SOON BE IMPLEMENTED, INCLUDING THE MANDATE THAT REQUIRES EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE OR PAY A FINE, AND THE GOVERNMENT SPONSORED HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES THAT ARE AFFECTING PRIVATE SECTOR HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS AND ACCESS TO DOCTORS. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR CONGRESS TO TEMPORARILY HALT FUNDING FOR THE HEALTH CARE LAW BEFORE THESE PROVISIONS TAKE EFFECT, TO MAKE SURE THEY DO NOT DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD?

- 1000	Total
- 678	67.8 YES
- 253	25.3 NO
- 69	6.9 DK/REFUSED

Pg 46 7 Q7. - IF THERE WAS AN EFFORT IN CONGRESS TO TEMPORARILY HALT FUNDING FOR THE HEALTH CARE LAW, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU THINK PRESIDENT OBAMA IS MORE LIKELY TO DO REGARDING HIS SIGNATURE ACHIEVEMENT IN OFFICE?
 1. PRESIDENT OBAMA IS MORE LIKELY TO COMPROMISE AND AGREE TO SOME CHANGES OR DELAYS IN THE HEALTH CARE LAW. OR
 2. PRESIDENT OBAMA IS MORE LIKELY TO INSIST THAT THE HEALTH CARE LAW GO FORWARD, EVEN IF THAT MEANS FORCING A BUDGET SHOWDOWN AND TEMPORARILY SHUTTING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT.

- 1000	Total
- 268	26.8 COMPROMISE
- 632	63.2 INSIST/GO FORWARD
- 100	10.0 DK/REFUSED

Pg 49 8 Q8. - IN ORDER TO GET PRESIDENT OBAMA TO AGREE TO AT LEAST HAVE A "TIME OUT" ON IMPLEMENTING THE HEALTH CARE LAW AND ITS FULL EFFECTS, WOULD YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A TEMPORARY SLOWDOWN IN NON-ESSENTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, WHICH STILL LEFT ALL ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES RUNNING?

- 1000	Total
- 598	59.8 APPROVE
- 283	28.3 Strongly Approve
- 315	31.5 Somewhat Approve
- 286	28.6 DISAPPROVE
- 103	10.3 Somewhat Disapprove
- 183	18.3 Strongly Disapprove
- 116	11.6 DK/REFUSED

Pg 55 9 Q9. - IF THERE WAS AN IMPASSE BETWEEN PRESIDENT OBAMA AND CONGRESS ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE HEALTH CARE LAW, AND THAT IMPASSE RESULTED IN A PARTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN, AMONG THE FOLLOWING, WHO WOULD YOU SAY WOULD BE MOSTLY TO BLAME FOR THAT?
 1. PRESIDENT OBAMA
 2. DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS, LED BY HARRY REID AND NANCY PELOSI
 3. REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS, LED BY MITCH MCCONNELL AND JOHN BOEHNER
 4. THE TEA PARTY

- 1000	Total
- 283	28.3 REPUBLICANS/CONGRESS
- 216	21.6 PRESIDENT OBAMA
- 191	19.1 DEMOCRATS/CONGRESS
- 51	5.1 THE TEA PARTY
- 168	16.8 ALL OF THE ABOVE
- 10	1.0 NONE OF THE ABOVE
- 21	2.1 OTHER
- 60	6.0 DK/REFUSED

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Pg 61 10 Q10. - IF YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS VOTED TO CONTINUE THE FULL AND IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBAMA HEALTH CARE PLAN, WOULD THAT MAKE YOU MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO VOTE TO RE-ELECT HIM OR HER TO CONGRESS? IF IT WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE TO YOUR VOTE, JUST SAY SO.

- 1000		Total
- 209	20.9	MORE LIKELY
- 124	12.4	Much More Likely
- 85	8.5	Somewhat More Likely
- 513	51.3	LESS LIKELY
- 93	9.3	Somewhat Less Likely
- 420	42.0	Much Less Likely
- 227	22.7	NO DIFFERENCE
- 51	5.1	DK/REFUSED

Pg 67 11 Q11. - IF YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS DID EVERYTHING HE OR SHE COULD TO SLOW DOWN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBAMA HEALTH CARE PLAN, INCLUDING VOTING TO STOP ITS FUNDING, WOULD THAT MAKE YOU MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO VOTE TO RE-ELECT HIM OR HER TO CONGRESS? IF IT WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE TO YOUR VOTE, JUST SAY SO.

- 1000		Total
- 480	48.0	MORE LIKELY
- 331	33.1	Much More Likely
- 149	14.9	Somewhat More Likely
- 259	25.9	LESS LIKELY
- 60	6.0	Somewhat Less Likely
- 199	19.9	Much Less Likely
- 220	22.0	NO DIFFERENCE
- 41	4.1	DK/REFUSED

Pg 73 12 Q12. - DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE DE-FUNDING, OR REMOVING THE FUNDING, FROM THE OBAMA HEALTH CARE LAW?

- 1000		Total
- 566	56.6	SUPPORT
- 408	40.8	Strongly Support
- 158	15.8	Somewhat Support
- 337	33.7	OPPOSE
- 120	12.0	Somewhat Oppose
- 217	21.7	Strongly Oppose
- 97	9.7	DK/REFUSED

Pg 79 13 Q13. - IS THE AREA THAT YOU LIVE IN CONSIDERED URBAN, SUBURBAN, OR RURAL?

- 1000		Total
- 160	16.0	URBAN
- 388	38.8	SUBURBAN
- 429	42.9	RURAL
- 23	2.3	DK/REFUSED

Pg 82 14 Q14. - WITH WHICH POLITICAL PARTY ARE YOU REGISTERED OR AFFILIATED?

- 1000		Total
- 418	41.8	REPUBLICAN
- 330	33.0	DEMOCRAT
- 220	22.0	INDEPENDENT/NO PARTY
- 32	3.2	DK/REFUSED

Pg 85 15 Q15. - WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

- 1000		Total
- 201	20.1	18 - 40
- 218	21.8	41 - 54
- 288	28.8	55 - 64
- 180	18.0	65 - 74
- 92	9.2	75 OR OLDER
- 21	2.1	REFUSED

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Pg 91 16 Q16. - WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF FORMAL EDUCATION THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED?
IS IT...

- 1000		Total
- 213	21.3	H.S. GRADUATE/LESS
- 264	26.4	SOME COLLEGE
- 508	50.8	COLLEGE GRADUATE
- 320	32.0	College Graduate
- 188	18.8	Post Graduate Degree
- 15	1.5	REFUSED

Pg 97 17 Q17. - ARE YOU SATISFIED OR UNSATISFIED WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
THAT YOU CURRENTLY HAVE? IF YOU DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE,
JUST SAY SO.

- 1000		Total
- 801	80.1	SATISFIED
- 141	14.1	UNSATISFIED
- 58	5.8	REFUSED

Pg 100 18 Q18. - GENDER:

- 1000		Total
- 480	48.0	MALE
- 520	52.0	FEMALE

Pg 102 19 Q19. - CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

- 1000		Total
- 100	10.0	FL 02
- 100	10.0	GA 12
- 100	10.0	IL 18
- 100	10.0	NJ 07
- 100	10.0	NC 02
- 100	10.0	NC 07
- 100	10.0	OH 12
- 100	10.0	OR 02
- 100	10.0	UT 04
- 100	10.0	WV 03

Pg 108 20 Q20. - AREA:

- 1000		Total
- 600	60.0	REPUBLICAN DISTRICTS
- 400	40.0	DEMOCRAT DISTRICTS