

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
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FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 12-19, 2016
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**QUESTIONS 1-2, 6-7, 10-11, THOUGHT, 16-17, 21, 25-31, 34, 36-37, 40-42, 45, 47-48, 52-53
HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

NO QUESTIONS 3-5, 8-9, 12-15, 18-20, 22-24, 32-33, 35, 38-39, 43-44, 46, 49-51

ASK ALL:

On another subject ...

Q.54 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 12-19, 2016	44	54	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	49	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	45	53	3
Nov 6-9, 2014	45	51	4
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	5
Sep 2-9, 2014	44	52	4
Apr 23-27, 2014	41	55	4
Apr 3-6, 2014 (U)	37	50	12
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	41	53	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	41	54	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	52	7
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 ¹	47	43	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	48	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	49	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	45	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	41	48	11
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	47	10
Sep 9-12, 2010	38	45	17
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	46	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	35	47	17
Apr 1-5, 2010	40	44	16

ASK ALL:

Q.55 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on you and your family?

Apr 12-19 <u>2016</u>		Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>	(U) Apr 3-6 <u>2014</u>	(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>	(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
23	Mostly positive	19	17	15	17
31	Mostly negative	26	24	23	20
45	Not much of an effect	54	57	60	63
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	2	2	1

¹ Prior to September 2013, the question asked about "the health care legislation." In addition, the reference to when the law was passed has changed over time: January 2011 referenced the legislation passed "last year," November 2010 used "earlier this year," September through July, 2010 used "in March," and April 2010 used "last month."

ASK ALL:

Q.56 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on you and your family over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect you much either way?

Apr 12-19 <u>2016</u>		Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>	(U) Apr 3-6 <u>2014</u>	(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>	(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
30	Mostly positive	27	29	26	25
37	Mostly negative	38	35	38	41
30	Not much of an effect	33	30	32	31
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	6	4	4

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about the effect of the 2010 health care law on the country as a whole...

Q.57 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on the country as a whole?

Apr 12-19 <u>2016</u>		Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>	(U) Apr 3-6 <u>2014</u>	(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>	(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
39	Mostly positive	33	30	23	24
44	Mostly negative	45	43	49	38
13	Not much of an effect	18	17	22	31
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	10	6	7

ASK ALL:

Q.58 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on the country as a whole over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect the country much either way?

Apr 12-19 <u>2016</u>		Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>	(U) Apr 3-6 <u>2014</u>	(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>	(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
39	Mostly positive	37	38	39	35
43	Mostly negative	46	44	45	47
13	Not much of an effect	13	12	11	14
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	6	4	4

NO QUESTIONS 59-63, 65-67, 69-72, 77-78

QUESTIONS 64, 68, 73-76, 79 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Mar 17-26, 2016	25	31	38	3	*	2	15	20
Jan 7-14, 2016	24	30	38	5	1	2	14	17
Dec 8-13, 2015	26	31	37	4	*	2	16	15
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	24	29	41	4	*	2	17	17
Sep 22-27, 2015	26	30	40	2	*	2	15	16
Jul 14-20, 2015	22	32	41	4	*	1	15	19
May 12-18, 2015	24	32	38	3	1	2	15	18
Yearly Totals								
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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Pew Research Center/USA Today polls