

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
OCTOBER 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
October 9-13, 2013
N=1,504

QUESTIONS 1-2, 5, 6, 9-11, 18-21, 25-28, 32-33, 35-37, 44-46, 51-52, 81 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 7-8, 17, 22-24, 29-31, 34, 38-43, 47-50, 53-55, 61, 63-68

QUESTIONS 12-16, 56-60, 62 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.69 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>
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

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?²

	<u>Generally favor</u>	<u>Generally oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 11-21, 2010	40	47	13
Mar 10-14, 2010	38	48	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	50	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	48	13
Dec 9-13, 2009	35	48	17
Nov 12-15, 2009	42	39	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	47	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	34	47	19
Sep 10-15, 2009	42	44	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	39	46	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	44	18

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."

² From December 9-13, 2009 and earlier, questions asked about "health care proposals" rather than "health care bills."

ASK ALL:

Q.70 Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or are you not covered 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]**

ASK IF COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE (Q.70=1):

Q.71 What is your main source of health coverage? **[PAUSE]** Do you have a plan through an employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or Medicaid, some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: DO NOT NEED TO READ FULL LIST IF R VOLUNTEERS, BUT READ RESPONSE CATEGORY TO VERIFY IF LANGUAGE IS DIFFERENT]**

		(U)						
Oct 9-13		Sep 4-8	Jan 6-10	Dec 9-13	Oct 28- Nov 8	Sep 30- Oct 4	Jul 22-26	Jun 10-14
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
81	Covered by health insurance	81	83	83	80	80	81	81
41	Plan through an employer	--	46	--	--	48	45	--
8	Plan you purchased yourself	--	9	--	--	8	9	--
15	Medicare	--	16	--	--	13	14	--
4	Medicaid	--	4	--	--	4	3	--
5	Other government program	--	5	--	--	4	4	--
6	Somewhere else	--	3	--	--	3	4	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	--	1	--	--	1	1	--
18	Not covered by health insurance	19	17	16	20	20	19	18
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

ASK IF UNINSURED (Q.70=2):

Q.72 In the next six months, do you plan to get health insurance for yourself, or not?

ASK IF UNINSURED AND PLAN TO GET INSURANCE (Q.72=1):

Q.73 And do you plan to get health insurance in the next six months because of the new health care law, or is this something you were planning to get anyway? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE?]**

BASED ON UNINSURED [N=181]:

Oct 9-13		(U)
<u>2013</u>		Sep 4-8
		<u>2013</u>
65	Yes, plan to get health insurance	63
26	Planning to get health insurance because of law	26
38	Was planning to get health insurance anyway	33
1	Other (VOL.)	3
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*
24	No, do not	32
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

ASK ALL:

Q.74 As you may know, as part of the 2010 health care law the government has set up health insurance exchanges around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. From what you've read and heard is there a health insurance exchange available to people in your state, or not?

Oct 9-13		(U)
<u>2013</u>		Sep 4-8
		<u>2013³</u>
65	Yes, there will be an exchange	51
12	No, there won't be an exchange	16
23	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	34

³ In Sep 4-8, 2013 survey, question asked: "As you may know, health insurance exchanges are being set up around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. From what you've read and heard will one of these health insurance exchanges be available to people in your state, or not?"

ASK ALL:

Q.75 Just your impression, how well have the online health insurance exchanges been working?

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7	Very well
22	Fairly well
23	Not too well
24	Not at all well
25	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.76 Have you visited any of these online health insurance exchanges, such as healthcare.gov, or haven't you done this?

ASK IF 'VISITED' (Q.76=1):

Q.78 Did you go to the exchanges to look at health insurance options for you and your family or just to learn about the exchanges?

BASED ON TOTAL:

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14	Yes
4	To look at options for you and your family
8	Just to learn about the exchanges
1	Both (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
84	No
1	Tried to but could not access (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF 'NO', 'TRIED' OR 'DON'T KNOW' (Q.76=2,3,9):

Q.77 Do you think you will visit one of these online exchanges in the next few months, or not?

ASK IF 'YES' (Q.77=1):

Q.77A And, will this be to look at health insurance options for you and your family, or just to learn about the exchanges?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Oct 9-13

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23	Yes, will
10	To look at health insurance options for you and your family
13	Just to learn about the exchanges
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
59	No, will not visit
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
14	<i>Already visited exchanges (Q.76=1)</i>

ASK IF 'VISITED' (Q.76=1) [N=195]:

Q.79 Did you find the online exchange website to be **[READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR ½ SAMPLE]**?

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17	Very easy to use
39	Fairly easy [OR]
19	Fairly difficult [OR]
20	Very difficult to use
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 80

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
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Yearly Totals								
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	--	--	--	--	--

ASK ALL:

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Not
	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	heard of/ DK
Oct 9-13, 2013	19	32	46	2	2	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	18	25	52	4	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	22	29	46	2	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	17	20	56	3	4	--

TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>(VOL.) Haven't heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/ DK</u>
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26	52	2	1	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ⁴	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

⁴ In the February 2-7, 2011 survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."