



Interviews with 1,010 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 28-31, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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27. From everything you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's plan to reform health care?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Favor	48%	50%	51%
Oppose	51%	45%	45%
No opinion	2%	5%	4%

FOR COMPARISON:
CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>Bill Clinton</u>			
1994 Jul 15-17	40%	55%	5%
1994 Jun 25-28	43%	49%	8%
1994 May 20-22	46%	49%	5%
1994 Apr 16-18	43%	47%	10%
1994 Mar 28-30	44%	47%	9%
1994 Feb 26-28	46%	48%	6%
1994 Jan 28-30	57%	38%	5%
1994 Jan 15-17	56%	38%	6%
1993 Nov 19-21	52%	41%	7%
1993 Nov 2-4	52%	40%	8%
1993 Oct 28-30	45%	45%	10%
1993 Sep 24-26	59%	33%	8%
1993 Sep 10-12*	54%	31%	14%

*WORDING: From what you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Bill Clinton's ideas about reforming health care?

27. From everything you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's plan to reform health care?
28. (IF FAVOR) Do you favor that plan strongly or only moderately?
29. (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose that plan strongly or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 27, 28 AND 29 COMBINED

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>
Favor strongly	25%	23%
Favor only moderately	23%	27%
Oppose only moderately	10%	12%
Oppose strongly	41%	33%
No opinion	2%	5%

30. As you may know, several health care bills have been passed by committees in the U.S. House and Senate and they can be brought before Congress for debate and a final vote at any time. Which of the following do you think Congress should do:

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Continue working on those bills this fall and make relatively minor changes before passing final legislation	25%
Continue working on those bills this fall but pass final legislation only if major changes are made	28%
Start work on entirely new bills that would not be ready until some time next year	25%
Stop working on any bills that would change the country's health care system	20%
Other	*
No opinion	2%

(QUESTIONS 31 AND 32 ROTATED)

31. How likely are you to vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress in your district if that person generally SUPPORTS Barack Obama's policies on health care -- very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

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Very likely	31%
Somewhat likely	22%
Not too likely	10%
Not likely at all	36%
No opinion	1%

32. How likely are you to vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress in your district if that person generally OPPOSES Barack Obama's policies on health care -- very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

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Very likely	18%
Somewhat likely	32%
Not too likely	22%
Not likely at all	27%
No opinion	1%

33. Do you think the country's health care system needs a great deal of reform, only some reform, or no reform at all? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 502 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 2-4 <u>2007</u>
Great deal	45%	55%	62%
Only some	46%	40%	32%
No reform at all	7%	5%	6%
No opinion	1%	*	*

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	June 30- July 1 <u>1998</u>	Feb. - Mar. <u>1995</u>	Aug- Sept. <u>1994</u>	April <u>1993</u>
Great deal	52	50	51	63
Only some	40	44	38	34
No reform at all	4	4	9	3
Not sure	4	2	2	-

34. Do you think the problems in the country's health care system will eventually affect most Americans if they are not addressed, or do you think that most Americans will continue to get good health care even if those problems are not addressed? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

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Eventually affect most Americans	65%
Continue to get good health care	32%
No opinion	3%

35. Which would make you feel more secure -- the current health care system in this country, or the health care system proposed by President Obama?

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Current health care system	52%
Obama's proposed system	44%
No opinion	4%

TIME/CNN/YANKELOVICH TRENDS

	<u>Current system</u>	<u>Clinton's proposed system</u>	<u>Both equal (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 Sept 23	30	52	2	5	11

36. From what you know of the health care reforms which the Administration is working on, do you think the amount you pay for medical care would increase, decrease, or remain the same?

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Increase	55%	54%
Decrease	19%	17%
Remain the same	24%	26%
No opinion	2%	3%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Remain the same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Mar 2-3	70%	9%	17%	4%
1994 Jan 17-18	59%	11%	24%	6%
1993 Oct 28	58%	8%	23%	11%
1993 Sept 23	61%	9%	25%	5%
1993 Sept 8-9	56%	16%	23%	5%

37. From what you know of those health care reforms, do you think you and your family would, in general, be better off, worse off or about the same?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Better off	21%	20%
Worse off	38%	35%
About the same	40%	44%
No opinion	*	1%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Better off</u>	<u>Worse off</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Aug 17-18	20%	31%	45%	4%
1994 July	15%	31%	50%	4%
1994 Jan	18%	29%	50%	3%
1993 Oct	20%	29%	48%	3%
1993 Sept	20%	21%	57%	2%

38. And from what you know of those health care reforms, do you think senior citizens who are currently on Medicare would, in general, be better off, worse off or about the same?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Better off	26%
Worse off	43%
About the same	30%
No opinion	1%

39. In general, do you think you understand most of the major points in Obama's health care proposals, or are you confused by what you have read or heard about the plan so far?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Understand	59%	51%
Confused	40%	46%
No opinion	1%	2%

40. Now thinking specifically about the health insurance plans available to most Americans, would you favor or oppose creating a public health insurance option administered by the federal government that would compete with plans offered by private health insurance companies?

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Favor	55%
Oppose	41%
No opinion	4%

40. Now thinking specifically about the health insurance plans available to most Americans, would you favor or oppose creating a public health insurance option administered by the federal government that would compete with plans offered by private health insurance companies?

41. (IF FAVOR) Do you favor this strongly or only moderately

42. (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose this strongly or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 40, 41 AND 42 COMBINED

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Favor strongly	27%
Favor moderately	28%
Oppose moderately	11%
Oppose strongly	30%
No opinion	4%

43. Do you think Barack Obama does or does not want the federal government to eventually take over all aspects of the health care system in this country?

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Does	53%
Does not	42%
No opinion	5%

44. As you may know, over the past month there have been a lot of angry debates and protests about health care at town hall meetings and other public forums held by members of Congress. Have the events at those town hall meetings made you more likely or less likely to support the health care policies proposed by Barack Obama, or have the events at those town hall meetings not affected your views on health care?

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More likely	19%
Less likely	18%
No effect	62%
No opinion	1%