



**Interviews with 1,038 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 16-18, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Favor	49%	51%	48%	50%	51%
Oppose	49%	46%	51%	45%	45%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	5%	4%

FOR COMPARISON:  
CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b><u>Bill Clinton</u></b>			
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?

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

QUESTIONS 18, 19, AND 20 COMBINED

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>
Favor strongly	24%	26%	25%	23%
Favor moderately	25%	25%	23%	27%
Oppose moderately	15%	14%	10%	12%
Oppose strongly	34%	32%	41%	33%
No opinion	2%	4%	2%	5%

21. Who do you trust more to handle major changes in the country's health care system – Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009*</u>
Obama	50%	49%
Republicans in Congress	34%	38%
Both equally/neither (vol.)	15%	12%
No opinion	1%	1%

\*Asked of a half sample.

22. What do you think would be better for the country -- if Congress passed a bill to change the country's health care system along the lines of what Barack Obama has proposed, or if the current system were left in place with no changes?

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>
Pass a bill	53%
Leave current system	44%
No opinion	3%

23. 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?

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Favor	61%	55%
Oppose	38%	41%
No opinion	1%	4%

23. 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?
24. (IF FAVOR) Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

QUESTIONS 23, AND 24 COMBINED

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>
Favor bill only if includes public option	40%
Favor bill even if did not include public option	18%
Favor public option, unsure on bill	3%
Oppose public option (from Q.23)	38%
No opinion	1%