



**Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans, including 928 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on November 13-15, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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14. 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?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Favor	56%	55%	61%	55%
Oppose	42%	44%	38%	41%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	4%

15. Would you favor or oppose that plan if state governments were able to decide that the public health insurance option administered by the federal government would not apply to all people living in those states?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>
Favor	28%
Oppose	66%
No opinion	5%

16. Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill passed by the U.S. House. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one. (RANDOM ORDER) (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Requiring all Americans who do not have health insurance to get it</b> November 13-15, 2009	49%	49%	1%
<b>Requiring all large and mid-sized businesses to provide health insurance for their employees</b> November 13-15, 2009	73%	25%	2%
<b>Reducing federal spending on Medicare managed care programs</b> November 13-15, 2009	30%	66%	3%
<b>Preventing health insurance companies from dropping coverage for people who become seriously ill</b> November 13-15, 2009	60%	39%	*
<b>Providing subsidies to families that make less than \$88,000 a year to help them purchase health insurance</b> November 13-15, 2009	67%	32%	1%

16. Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill passed by the U.S. House. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one. (RANDOM ORDER) (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 513 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Preventing health insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions</b> November 13-15, 2009	60%	40%	1%
<b>Expanding the federal program known as Medicaid to provide health care to more low-income Americans</b> November 13-15, 2009	75%	25%	*
<b>Raising taxes on individuals who make more than \$500,000 dollars a year or families that make more than one million dollars a year to pay for providing health care to low-income Americans</b> November 13-15, 2009	67%	32%	1%
<b>Prevent illegal immigrants from receiving any federal money to purchase health insurance.</b> November 13-15, 2009	70%	30%	1%

17. As you may know, the filibuster is a Senate procedure which has been used to prevent the Senate from passing controversial legislation or confirming controversial appointments by the President, even if a majority of senators support that action. A vote of at least sixty senators out of one hundred is needed to end a filibuster. Do you favor or oppose the use of the filibuster in the U.S. Senate?

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Favor	56%
Oppose	39%
No opinion	5%

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Apr 29-May 1, 2005	52	40	8

20. As you may know, nearly every Republican in the U.S. House voted against the health care bill which recently passed. Do you think that is mostly an indication that there is something wrong with the bill or mostly an indication that there is something wrong with the Republican Party's approach to health care legislation?

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Something wrong with the health care bill	46%
Something wrong with the Republican approach to health care	49%
Both equal (vol.)	3%
No opinion	1%

35. Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal under only certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?
36. (IF ONLY CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:) Do you think abortion should be legal in most circumstances or only a few circumstances?

QUESTION 35 ONLY

	Legal under any <u>circumstances</u>	Legal under certain <u>circumstances</u>	Illegal in all <u>circumstances</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
November 13-15, 2009	26%	50%	23%	1%
June 26-29, 2008	25%	51%	22%	1%
Oct. 12-14, 2007	23%	54%	22%	1%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	24%	50%	24%	2%

QUESTION 35 AND 36 COMBINED

	Legal under any <u>circumstances</u>	Legal in most <u>circumstances</u>	Legal in a few <u>circumstances</u>	Illegal in all <u>circumstances</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
November 13-15, 2009	26%	10%	40%	23%	1%
June 26-29, 2008	25%	12%	39%	22%	2%
Oct. 12-14, 2007	23%	13%	40%	22%	2%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	24%	10%	40%	24%	2%

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	<u>Legal under any circumstances</u>	<u>Legal only under certain circumstances</u>	<u>Illegal in all circumstances</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Nov 11-13	26	56	16	2
2005 Jun 24-26	24	55	20	1
2005 May 2-5	23	53	22	2
2005 Mar 21-23	23	55	20	2
2004 May 2-4	24	56	19	1
2003 Oct 24-26	26	55	17	2
2003 May 5-7	23	57	19	1
2003 Jan 10-12	24	57	18	1
2002 May 6-9	25	51	22	2
2002 Mar 22-24	27	53	19	1
2002 Feb 8-10	26	54	18	2
2001 Aug 10-12	26	56	17	1
2001 May 10-14	26	58	15	1
2001 Mar 26-28	26	51	18	5
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	28	51	19	2
2000 Jan 13-16	26	56	15	3
1999 Apr 30-May 2	27	55	16	2
1998 Jan 16-18	23	59	17	1
1997 Nov 6-9	26	55	17	2
1997 Aug 12-13	22	61	15	2
1996 Sep 20-22*	24	52	17	7
1996 Jul 25-28	25	58	15	2
1995 Sep 22-24	31	54	12	3
1995 Feb 24-26	33	50	15	2
1994 Sep 6-7	33	52	13	2
1994 Mar 28-30	31	51	15	3
1993 Mar 12-14	32	51	13	4
1992 Jan 16-19	31	53	14	2
1991 Sep 5-8	33	49	14	4
1991 May 30-Jun 2	32	50	17	1
1990 Apr 5-20	31	53	12	4
1989 Jul 6-9	29	51	17	3
1989 Jul 6-7	29	51	17	3
1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	24	57	17	2
1985 Jan 3-4 †	21	55	21	3
1983 Jun 24-27	23	58	16	3
1981 May 8-11	23	52	21	4
1980 Jul 11-14	25	53	18	4
1979 Feb 23-26	22	54	19	5
1977 Dec 9-12	22	55	19	4
1975 Apr 4-7	21	54	22	3

\* Based on reg. voters

	<u>Legal under any circumstances</u>	<u>Legal under most circumstances</u>	<u>Legal only in a few circumstances</u>	<u>Illegal in all circumstances</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Nov 11-13	26	16	39	16	3
2005 Jun 24-26	24	15	40	20	1
2005 May 2-5	23	12	40	22	3
2005 Mar 21-23	23	14	39	20	4
2004 May 2-4	24	13	42	19	2
2003 Oct 24-26	26	14	40	17	3
2003 May 5-7	23	15	42	19	1
2003 Jan 10-12	24	14	42	18	2
2002 May 6-9	25	12	39	22	2
2002 Mar 22-24	27	12	40	19	2
2001 Aug 10-12	26	12	43	17	2
2001 May 10-14	26	15	41	15	3
2001 Mar 26-28	26	13	38	18	5
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	28	11	38	19	4
2000 Jan 13-16	26	17	39	15	3
1999 Apr 30-May 2	27	12	42	16	3
1998 Jan 16-18	23	16	42	17	2
1997 Nov 6-9	26	15	40	17	2
1997 Aug 12-13	22	12	48	15	3
1996 Jul 25-28	25	13	43	15	4
1995 Sep 22-24	31	14	39	12	4
1995 Feb 24-26	32	9	41	15	3
1994 Sep 6-7	33	13	38	13	3

37. Generally speaking, are you in favor of using public funds for abortions when the woman cannot afford it, or are you opposed to that?

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Favor	37%
Oppose	61%
Indifferent (vol.)	2%
No opinion	1%

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Indifferent (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2000 June 8-13	37	54	2	7

38. Now think about women who are covered by private health insurance plans that are paid for by private individuals or employers with no money from the government involved. Do you think private health insurance plans should cover some or all of the costs of an abortion, or do you think that women who want to get an abortion should have to pay the complete costs of that abortion out of their own pockets?

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2009

Health insurance should cover	45%
Pay all costs herself	51%
Depends (vol.)	3%
No opinion	1%