CNN OPINION RESEARCH POLL

Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans, including 935 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 6-10, 2010. 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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18.   As you may know, the tax cuts passed into law when George W. Bush was president are set to expire this year. Unless a new bill is passed, federal income tax rates will rise to the level they were at when those cuts were enacted. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view: (READ IN ORDER)

	Aug. 6-10 2010
Those tax cuts should continue for all Americans regardless of how much money they make	31%
Those tax cuts should continue for families that make less than 250 thousand dollars a year, but taxes should rise to the previous level for families who make more than that amount	51%
Taxes should rise to the previous level for all Americans regardless of how much money they make	18%
No opinion	*

19.   As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law earlier this year. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?

	Aug. 6-10 2010	Mar. 19-21 2010
Favor	40%	39%
Oppose	56%	59%
No opinion	4%	2%

QUESTION WORDING PRIOR TO AUGUST 2010: As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate are trying to pass final legislation that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?

19.   As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law earlier this year. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?
20.   (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose that legislation because you think its approach toward health care is too liberal, or because you think it is not liberal enough?

QUESTIONS 19 AND 20 COMBINED

	Aug. 6-10 2010	Mar 19-21 2010
Favor (from Question 19)	40%	39%
Oppose, too liberal	41%	43%
Oppose, not liberal enough	13%	13%
No opinion	6%	5%

21. Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one: (RANDOM ORDER)

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
Requiring all Americans who do not have **health insurance to get it**			
August 6-10, 2010	44%	56%	1%
February 12-15, 2010	45%	53%	1%
November 13-15, 2009*	49%	49%	1%
Preventing health insurance companies from **dropping coverage for people who** **become seriously ill**			
August 6-10, 2010	59%	41%	*
February 12-15, 2010	62%	38%	*
November 13-15, 2009*	60%	39%	*
Preventing health insurance companies from **denying coverage to people with** **pre-existing conditions**			
August 6-10, 2010	58%	42%	1%
February 12-15, 2010	58%	42%	1%
November 13-15, 2009*	60%	40%	1%

* Asked of half sample.

QUESTION WORDING PRIOR TO AUGUST 2010: *Now here are a few provisions that the U.S. House and Senate might consider. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one.*

As you may know, the tax cuts passed into law when George W. Bush was President are set to expire this year. Unless a new bill is passed, federal income tax rates will rise to the level they were at when those cuts were enacted. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

Base = Total sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Cuts Continue for all	31%	37%	26%	35%	21%
Cuts Continue for LT $250K	51%	42%	59%	50%	52%
Taxes at prev levels for all	18%	20%	15%	14%	27%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Cuts Continue for all	31%	N/A	37%	31%	30%	32%	30%
Cuts Continue for LT $250K	51%	N/A	45%	51%	49%	51%	50%
Taxes at prev levels for all	18%	N/A	18%	18%	21%	17%	19%
No opinion	*	N/A	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Cuts Continue for all	31%	26%	37%	29%	33%
Cuts Continue for LT $250K	51%	49%	51%	48%	53%
Taxes at prev levels for all	18%	24%	12%	22%	14%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Cuts Continue for all	31%	13%	34%	50%	9%	26%	50%
Cuts Continue for LT $250K	51%	67%	44%	40%	69%	53%	36%
Taxes at prev levels for all	18%	20%	21%	10%	21%	20%	14%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Cuts Continue for all	31%	26%	30%	35%	33%	20%	34%	33%
Cuts Continue for LT $250K	51%	56%	54%	43%	53%	61%	50%	47%
Taxes at prev levels for all	18%	17%	16%	22%	14%	17%	16%	19%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0

 * percentage less than 1%

As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law earlier this year. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?

Base = Total sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	40%	39%	41%	35%	54%
Oppose	56%	59%	52%	62%	40%
No opinion	4%	1%	7%	4%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	40%	N/A	39%	39%	43%	40%	41%
Oppose	56%	N/A	58%	57%	54%	55%	56%
No opinion	4%	N/A	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	40%	44%	35%	43%	38%
Oppose	56%	51%	60%	54%	57%
No opinion	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	40%	70%	34%	11%	65%	47%	19%
Oppose	56%	25%	63%	83%	31%	47%	78%
No opinion	4%	5%	3%	6%	4%	6%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Favor	40%	50%	36%	36%	40%	56%	40%	34%
Oppose	56%	46%	60%	59%	56%	40%	56%	61%
No opinion	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0

 * percentage less than 1%

Q19. As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law earlier this year. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?

Q20. Do you oppose that legislation because you think its approach toward health care is too liberal, or because you think it is not liberal enough?

Base = Total sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	40%	39%	41%	35%	54%
Oppose, too liberal	41%	47%	36%	50%	18%
Oppose, not liberal enough	13%	11%	14%	9%	21%
No opinion	6%	3%	9%	6%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	40%	N/A	39%	39%	43%	40%	41%
Oppose, too liberal	41%	N/A	46%	45%	42%	39%	44%
Oppose, not liberal enough	13%	N/A	11%	9%	10%	15%	9%
No opinion	6%	N/A	5%	7%	5%	6%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	40%	44%	35%	43%	38%
Oppose, too liberal	41%	33%	50%	37%	44%
Oppose, not liberal enough	13%	17%	8%	15%	11%
No opinion	6%	6%	7%	5%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	40%	70%	34%	11%	65%	47%	19%
Oppose, too liberal	41%	10%	45%	74%	6%	34%	68%
Oppose, not liberal enough	13%	14%	15%	7%	24%	11%	8%
No opinion	6%	5%	6%	8%	5%	8%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Midwest	South	West	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Favor	40%	50%	36%	36%	40%	56%	40%	34%
Oppose, too liberal	41%	29%	40%	50%	41%	27%	42%	46%
Oppose, not liberal enough	13%	15%	17%	7%	13%	11%	12%	13%
No opinion	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0

 * percentage less than 1%

Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one:

A. Requiring all Americans who do not have health insurance to get it

Base = Total sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	44%	40%	47%	38%	58%
Oppose	56%	59%	52%	61%	42%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	44%	N/A	45%	42%	48%	43%	45%
Oppose	56%	N/A	54%	56%	50%	57%	54%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	2%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	44%	46%	40%	46%	42%
Oppose	56%	53%	59%	53%	58%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Favor	44%	63%	37%	28%	56%	51%	28%
Oppose	56%	37%	62%	71%	44%	47%	71%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	44%	57%	32%	45%	39%	59%	42%	39%
Oppose	56%	42%	68%	54%	61%	41%	57%	60%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0

 * percentage less than 1%

Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one:

B. Preventing health insurance companies from dropping coverage for people who become seriously ill

Base = Total sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	59%	61%	57%	62%	51%
Oppose	41%	39%	42%	38%	49%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	59%	N/A	64%	59%	46%	63%	54%
Oppose	41%	N/A	36%	41%	54%	37%	46%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	59%	53%	65%	51%	65%
Oppose	41%	47%	35%	49%	35%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	59%	56%	61%	59%	69%	61%	52%
Oppose	41%	44%	39%	41%	31%	38%	48%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Favor	59%	61%	61%	52%	64%	70%	61%	52%
Oppose	41%	39%	39%	48%	35%	30%	39%	48%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0

 * percentage less than 1%

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Question 21C

Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one:

C. Preventing health insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions

Base = Total sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	58%	60%	55%	59%	55%
Oppose	42%	39%	44%	40%	45%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	58%	N/A	62%	62%	44%	60%	55%
Oppose	42%	N/A	38%	38%	56%	39%	45%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	58%	50%	64%	51%	64%
Oppose	42%	50%	35%	49%	36%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Favor	58%	61%	59%	52%	72%	61%	48%
Oppose	42%	39%	41%	46%	28%	39%	50%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	58%	60%	57%	54%	62%	64%	60%	52%
Oppose	42%	40%	42%	46%	37%	36%	38%	48%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0

 * percentage less than 1%