

Interviews with 1,008 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 17-19, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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24. 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?

	Dec. 17-19 2010	Aug. 6-10 2010	Mar. 19-21 2010
	2010	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>
Favor	43%	40%	39%
Oppose	54%	56%	59%
No opinion	3%	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?

- 24. 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?
- 25. (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 24 AND 25 COMBINED

	Dec. 17-19 2010	Aug. 6-10 2010	Mar 19-21 2010
Favor (from Question 19)	43%	40%	39%
Oppose, too liberal	37%	41%	43%
Oppose, not liberal enough	13%	13%	13%
No opinion	7%	6%	5%

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

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	No opinion
Requiring all Americans who do not have	e		
health insurance to get it			
December 17-19, 2010	38%	60%	2%
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 f	rom		
dropping coverage for people who			
become seriously ill			
December 17-19, 2010	61%	39%	*
August 6-10, 2010	59%	41%	*
February 12-15, 2010	62%	38%	*
November 13-15, 2009*	60%	39%	*
Preventing health insurance companies f	rom		
denying coverage to people with			
pre-existing conditions			
December 17-19, 2010	64%	35%	1%
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.

Question 24

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			on-White			
Favor	43%	43%	43%	 39%	55%			
Oppose	54%	54%	54%	58%	42%			
No opinion	3% +/-3.0	3%	48	3%	3% /-8.0			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-8.0			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older	
Favor	43%	 N/A	40%	46%	40%	43%	44%	
Oppose	54%	N/A	57%	52%	55%	54%	53%	
No opinion	3%	N/A	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
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	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Favor	43%	46%	42%	42%	44%			
Oppose	54%	51%	55%	55%	52%			
No opinion Sampling Error	3% +/-3.0	4% +/-5.0	3% +/-4.5	3% +/-5.5	4% +/-4.0			
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Question 24/25

- Q24. 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?

 Q25. 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				Non-White		
Favor			43%		55%		
Oppose too liberal			34%		22%		
Oppose not liberal enough	13%	10%	15%	11%	18%		
Oppose unsure	4%	4%	4%	5%	1%		
No opinion	3%	3%			3%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5 +/	-3.5	+/-8.0		
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and
	Total					50	Older
Favor	43%		40%			43%	44%
Oppose too liberal	37%	N/A			38%		38%
Oppose not liberal enough							
Oppose unsure	4%				8%		5%
No opinion	3%					4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	- /-5.5	+/-3.5
	Total		or more	College	_		
Favor	4.3%	46%			44%		
Oppose too liberal							
Oppose not liberal enough	13%	20%	6%	17%			
Oppose unsure	4%	5%	2%		3%		
No opinion	3%	4%	3%				
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Favor	43%	74%	37%	109	8 71%	52%	
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Oppose not liberal enough	13%	9%	17%	79	e 23%	12%	
Oppose unsure		1%			*		
No opinion	3%	3%	4%			4%	1%
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Question 24/25

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 Q25. 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

		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	43%	48%	45%	38%	45%	47%	42%	39%
Oppose too liberal	37%	29%	35%	43%	38%	33%	38%	40%
Oppose not liberal enough	13%	15%	12%	12%	12%	15%	11%	12%
Oppose unsure	4%	2%	5%	5%	3%	2%	4%	5%
No opinion	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose
Favor	43%	9%	40%	79%
Oppose too liberal	37%	72%	33%	11%
Oppose not liberal enough	13%	12%	16%	7%
Oppose unsure	4%	4%	5%	2%
No opinion	3%	2%	5%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

^{*} percentage less than 1%

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Question 26A

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			Non-White			
Favor	38%	31%	45%	36%	46%			
Oppose	60%	68%	53%	63%	53%			
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	-/-8.0			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50	Older	
Favor	38%	N/A	33%	38%	38%	38%	38%	
Oppose	60%	N/A	65%	59%	61%	60%	60%	
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
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Favor	38%	40%	36%	41%	36			
Oppose	60%	58%	63%	57%	63			
No opinion	2%	2% +/-5.0	1%	2%	1			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	J		
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Favor	38%	54%	34%	22%		44%	219	
Oppose	60%	44%	63%	77%		54%	799	
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	18		2%	19	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	J
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	38%	44%	47%	31%	34%	37%	41%	35%
Oppose	60%	53%	51%	68%	64%	62%	57%	64%
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No opinion	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	
No opinion Sampling Error	2% +/-3.0	3% +/-6.5	1% +/-6.5	1% +/-5.5	2% +/-6.5	1%+/-6.0	2% +/-4.5	+/-6.0
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Sampling Error Favor	+/-3.0 Total 38%	+/-6.5 Tea Pty Support 19%	Tea Pty Neutral 37%	+/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose 58%				

 $[\]mbox{*}$ percentage less than 1%

Question 26B

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			Non-White			
Favor	61%	59%	63%	64%	53%			
Oppose	39%	41%	37%	36%	47%			
No opinion Sampling Error	* +/-3.0	+/-4.5	* +/-4.5 +/	* -3.5 +	* -/-8.0			
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Favor	61%	N/A	63%	61%	47%	65%	56%	
Oppose	39%	N/A	37%	39%	52%	35%	44%	
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	1%	*	* +/-3.5	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
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Favor	61%	51%	74%	52%	689	5		
Oppose	39%	49%	26%	48%	329			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	J		
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	Total	crat 	endent	licar		erate		
Favor	61%	63%	62%	56%		64%	598	
Oppose	39%	37%	38%	448		36%	418	5
No opinion	*	*	*	*		*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0) +/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0)
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	Total	east 	west	South	West	Urban	urban 	Rural
Favor	61%	59%	61%	60%	65%	62%	61%	59%
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Oppose	39%	41%	39%	40%	35%	37%	39%	41%
No opinion	*	41%	*	*	35% *	*	*	*
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No opinion	*	41%	*	*	35% *	*	*	*
No opinion	*	41% * +/-6.5	* +/-6.5	+/-5.5	35% *	*	*	*
No opinion	*	41% * +/-6.5	* +/-6.5 Tea Pty	*	35% *	*	*	*
No opinion	+/-3.0	41% * +/-6.5	* +/-6.5	* +/-5.5 Tea Pty	35% *	*	*	*
No opinion Sampling Error Favor	* +/-3.0 Total 61%	41% * +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support 63%	* +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral 50%	* +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose 	35% *	*	*	*
No opinion Sampling Error Favor Oppose	* +/-3.0 Total 61% 39%	41% * +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support63% 36%	* +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral 50% 50%	* +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose 75% 25%	35% *	*	*	*
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Question 26C

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			on-White			
Favor	64%	63%	65%	 66%	59%			
Oppose	35%	36%	33%	33%	40%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-8.0			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50 	Older	
Favor	64%	N/A	65%	62%	53%	68%	58%	
Oppose	35%	N/A	33%	37%	44%	31%	40%	
No opinion	1%	N/A	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende			
	Total	\$50K 	or more	College	_			
Favor	64%	58%	72%	56%	70	용		
Oppose	35%	42%	27%	43%	29	용		
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	. 2			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.	0		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	_			Conse vati	
Favor	64%	69%	65%	54%			56	
Oppose	35%	31%	34%	43%			41	
No opinion	1%	. / = =	1%	3%			3:	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.	J
		Month	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	North east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	64%	69%	65%	61%	63%	66%	65%	59%
Oppose	35%	31%	33%	37%	37% *	33%	34%	39%
No opinion	1% +/-3.0	* +/-6.5	1% +/-6.5	2% +/-5.5	+/-6.5	1% +/-6.0	1% +/-4.5	2% +/-6.0
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-0.3	+/-0.3	+/-3.3	+/-0.5	+/-0.0	+/-4.5	+/-0.0
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favor	64%	55%	61%	78%				
Oppose	35%	42%	38%	22%				
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5				

^{*} percentage less than $1\mbox{\%}$