



## Republican Control of the U.S. House of Representatives, Tax Cuts, & the Health Care Controversy

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### **This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:**

#### **Voters Want Compromise Across the Aisle, But Doubt It Will Happen**

Now that Republicans have won control of the U.S. House of Representatives, more than seven in ten registered voters in the U.S. -- 72% -- think Republicans should work with Democrats and President Barack Obama to get things done while 25% say the GOP should stand firm on their positions even if things don't get done. Three percent are unsure.

Not surprisingly, most Democrats -- 94% -- think the Republicans should cooperate with the president and the Democrats in Congress to make progress on key issues, and 71% of independent voters agree. Republicans divide about what they think should happen. Among Republicans, 49% say the two sides should reach common ground while 47% report they should stand firm in their beliefs even if it causes political gridlock.

Although a majority of Tea Party supporters -- 51% -- want Republicans to stand firm, 45% think the GOP should work with the president and Democrats. Four percent are unsure.

However, when it comes to what they think will happen, just 28% of voters think the Republicans in Congress will negotiate with the president and the Democrats. Instead, 64% of registered voters believe the Republicans will hold fast to their positions. Seven percent are unsure.

Here, a majority of Republicans -- 55% -- think their GOP allies will stand firm while 37% say they will compromise. Seven percent are unsure. Among Democrats, 69% say the Republicans in Congress will stand against their colleagues across the aisle while 25% report they will work with them. Five percent are unsure. Similarly, 67% of independents state House Republicans will hold their ground compared with 26% who believe they will negotiate with the president and the Democrats. Seven percent are unsure.

Nearly six in ten Tea Party supporters -- 58% -- think the Republicans will remain steadfast while about one-third -- 34% -- say they will work with the Democrats to get things done. Eight percent are unsure.

## **Tax Cuts OK, But Not for the Wealthy**

President Barack Obama is scheduled to meet with Congressional leaders tomorrow. A key item on the agenda -- whether to extend the Bush-era tax cuts. Where do voters stand on the issue? According to this McClatchy-Marist Poll, a majority of registered voters nationally -- 51% -- think the tax cuts should be extended only for the middle class but not for the top two percent, households earning \$250,000 or more. 45% believe the tax breaks should be applied to everyone including the top two percent, and 4% are unsure.

When McClatchy-Marist last asked this question in September, 49% said the Bush-era tax cuts should be extended for just the middle class while 48% reported they should be extended to everyone. Three percent were unsure.

“This represents the first post-midterm election test of the nation's political leadership,” says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. “It comes on the crucial issue of finances and the economy.”

Partisan differences still exist on this question with 68% of Democrats saying the tax breaks should be extended to just the middle class and 62% of Republicans reporting they should be extended to everyone. Independents divide. 49% of these voters want the cuts applied only to the middle class while 48% think they should be extended for everyone. McClatchy-Marist found a similar partisan divide in its September poll.

## **Call for Compromise**

As the debate between President Barack Obama and Republicans continues over the Bush-era tax cuts, a majority of voters want the two to find common ground. 53% want them to resolve their differences now while 42% think they should extend the current tax policy for two years. Five percent are unsure.

Democrats are more likely to think the issue should be resolved now with the Democratic Congress than are Republicans. 67% of Democrats think they should resolve their differences now while 57% of Republicans want the current policy extended for two years. A majority of independents -- 54% -- align with the Democrats on this question.

## **More Still View Economic Conditions as Inherited**

President Obama continues to avoid blame for the country's economic conditions. 65% of registered voters currently believe he inherited today's economic conditions while 28% think they are a result of the president's own policies. Eight percent are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's late October survey, 60% viewed the nation's economic issues as inherited, 30% blamed the president's policies, and 10% were unsure.

## **Half Full or Half Empty: Voters Divide About Future of U.S. Economy**

When thinking about the future of the U.S. economy, 49% of registered voters think the worst is yet to come while 46% say the worst is behind us. Four percent are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's late October survey, 45% were pessimistic while 47% said the worst was over. Eight percent, at the time, were unsure.

Among residents, a majority -- 51% -- think there is more bad news on the economic horizon while 45% believe better days are ahead. Five percent are unsure. In that previous survey, 47% thought the worst is ahead, 45% said the worst is over, and 8% were unsure.

### **Voters Not Satisfied with Health Care Law**

It has been eight months since President Barack Obama signed the health care reform bill into law. But, most voters aren't completely satisfied with it. Surprisingly, however, about as many registered voters in the United States -- 35% -- want Congress to amend the 2010 Health Care Law so that it does *more* as those who want the law to be repealed -- 33%. 11% want it changed so that it does *less* while 16% think the law should stand in its current form. Five percent are unsure.

It's a partisan divide with independent voters squarely in the middle. A majority of Democrats -- 52% -- want the law changed so that it does more, and 27% want Congress to let it stand as it exists. Just 8% want it repealed, and 6% would like to see it changed so that it does less. Seven percent are unsure. Among Republicans, 58% want the law repealed, and 16% want it to do less. 18% would like it changed so that it does more, and only 5% want it to stand. Three percent are unsure. Looking at independent voters, 36% want the 2010 Health Care Law repealed, 12% would like it to do less, 34% would like it to do more, and 14% want it to stand. Four percent are unsure.

"This is a classic case of public opinion flying in the face of the conventional wisdom," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "Sure, most voters are not satisfied with the health care bill, but that doesn't automatically translate into support for its repeal."

### **Mandate to Buy Health Insurance Viewed as Unconstitutional**

Nearly two-thirds of registered voters -- 65% -- think it is unconstitutional to require Americans to buy health insurance. 29% believe residents should be required to purchase coverage, and 7% are unsure.

79% of Republicans say the mandate is unconstitutional while 18% do not. Even a plurality of Democrats -- 48% -- believe requiring all residents to purchase health insurance goes against the Constitution. On the other hand, 41% of Democrats think Americans should be required to buy it. Among independents, more than two-thirds --- 68% -- believe it is unconstitutional while 27% say it should be a requirement for all Americans to buy health insurance.

### **Getting Specific: Voters' Views on Aspects of 2010 Health Care Law**

While 65% of voters think it is unconstitutional to require residents to buy health insurance, voters have a more positive attitude toward other aspects of the law. When it comes to the part of the law that allows children up to age 26 to remain on their parents' health insurance, 68% think it should remain law while 29% say that dimension should be repealed. Three percent are unsure.

Almost six in ten voters -- 59% -- report the part of the health care law that prevents insurance companies from denying coverage due to pre-existing conditions should remain law while 36% want it repealed. Five percent are unsure.

And, 57% think the aspect of health care reform which closes the so-called “donut hole” in Medicare prescription drug coverage by providing assistance to pay for costs should remain in effect while 32% say it should be repealed. 11% are unsure.

### **Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,020 Adults**

This survey of 1,020 adults was conducted on November 15<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points. There are 810 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

<b>Nature of the Sample - Residents</b>		
		<b>USA Residents</b>
		<b>Col %</b>
<b>USA Residents</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>USA Registered Voters</b>		<b>79%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>22%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>51%</b>
	<b>\$50,000-\$99,999</b>	<b>31%</b>
	<b>\$100,000 or more</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>51%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>67%</b>
	<b>African American</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Latino</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>67%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>40%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>49%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Households with children under 18</b>	<b>Household with children</b>	<b>38%</b>
	<b>No children in household</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>76%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>24%</b>

**November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Residents  
N=1020 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.**

<b>Nature of the Sample - Registered Voters</b>		
		<b>Registered Voters</b>
		<b>Col %</b>
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>34%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>29%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>35%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Support Tea Party</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Political Ideology</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>22%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>33%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>22%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>47%</b>
	<b>\$50,000-\$99,999</b>	<b>34%</b>
	<b>\$100,000 or more</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>47%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>70%</b>
	<b>African American</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Latino</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>70%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>35%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>50%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Households with children under 18</b>	<b>Household with children</b>	<b>35%</b>
	<b>No children in household</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>80%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>20%</b>

**November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters N=810 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.**

		Registered Voters		
		The Republicans have control of the House of Representatives. Which statement comes closer to your view about what you think should happen:		
		The Republicans should compromise with the Democrats and President Obama to get things done	The Republicans should stand firm on their positions even if it means things don't get done	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		72%	25%	3%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	94%	4%	1%
	Republican	49%	47%	4%
	Independent	71%	25%	3%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		45%	51%	4%
<b>Party ID by Gender</b>	Democrat men	92%	6%	2%
	Democrat women	96%	3%	1%
	Republican men	50%	48%	3%
	Republican women	48%	47%	5%
	Independent men	69%	28%	3%
	Independent women	75%	21%	4%
<b>Political Ideology</b>	Liberal	96%	3%	1%
	Moderate	80%	19%	1%
	Conservative	55%	41%	4%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	81%	19%	<1%
	Midwest	71%	25%	3%
	South	67%	31%	2%
	West	74%	21%	6%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	79%	18%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	68%	30%	2%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	74%	23%	3%
	College graduate	69%	28%	3%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	73%	24%	3%
	45 or older	72%	25%	3%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	74%	22%	5%
	30 to 44	72%	26%	2%
	45 to 59	70%	28%	2%
	60 or older	73%	23%	4%
<b>Race</b>	White	69%	28%	3%
	Non-white	82%	17%	2%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	68%	30%	3%
	Women	77%	20%	3%
<b>Obama Approval Rating</b>	Approve	96%	3%	1%
	Disapprove	48%	47%	4%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	71%	26%	3%
	Cell Phone	76%	21%	3%

November 29, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters N=810 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters		
		What do you think will happen:		
		The Republicans will compromise with the Democrats and President Obama to get things done	The Republicans will stand firm on their positions even if it means things don't get done	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		28%	64%	7%
Party ID	Democrat	25%	69%	5%
	Republican	37%	55%	7%
	Independent	26%	67%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		34%	58%	8%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	26%	69%	5%
	Democrat women	25%	69%	6%
	Republican men	33%	61%	5%
	Republican women	42%	48%	9%
	Independent men	25%	68%	7%
	Independent women	28%	65%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	18%	79%	4%
	Moderate	27%	67%	6%
	Conservative	35%	56%	8%
Region	Northeast	23%	66%	10%
	Midwest	31%	65%	4%
	South	30%	63%	7%
	West	26%	66%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	30%	61%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	30%	67%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	28%	64%	8%
	College graduate	30%	65%	5%
Age	Under 45	27%	68%	5%
	45 or older	29%	62%	9%
Age	18 to 29	24%	70%	6%
	30 to 44	29%	67%	4%
	45 to 59	31%	64%	6%
	60 or older	27%	61%	12%
Race	White	29%	63%	8%
	Non-white	28%	68%	4%
Gender	Men	27%	66%	7%
	Women	30%	62%	8%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	22%	73%	5%
	Disapprove	37%	55%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	28%	64%	8%
	Cell Phone	29%	67%	5%

November 29, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters N=810 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters		
		The Bush tax cuts expire on December 31st. Which statement comes closer to your view:		
		Congress should extend the tax cuts only for the middle class, but not for the top 2 percent, that is, households earning \$250,000 or more	Congress should extend the tax cuts for everyone, including the top 2 percent, that is, households earning \$250,000 or more	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		51%	45%	4%
Party ID	Democrat	68%	27%	5%
	Republican	36%	62%	2%
	Independent	49%	48%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		30%	68%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	65%	29%	5%
	Moderate	60%	38%	2%
	Conservative	39%	58%	3%
Region	Northeast	57%	41%	2%
	Midwest	63%	32%	4%
	South	44%	52%	5%
	West	45%	52%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	53%	42%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	48%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	50%	46%	4%
	College graduate	54%	44%	3%
Age	Under 45	50%	47%	3%
	45 or older	52%	44%	4%
Race	White	47%	50%	3%
	Non-white	62%	35%	3%
Gender	Men	47%	49%	3%
	Women	55%	41%	4%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	73%	21%	5%
	Disapprove	35%	63%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	45%	4%
	Cell Phone	52%	46%	2%

November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample N=423 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters		
		There is debate between President Obama and the Republicans about what to do with the Bush-era tax cuts. Do you prefer:		
		They resolve their differences now	They extend the current tax policy for 2 years	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		53%	42%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	67%	26%	7%
	Republican	40%	57%	3%
	Independent	54%	43%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		39%	58%	3%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	69%	25%	6%
	Democrat women	66%	27%	7%
	Republican men	33%	64%	2%
	Republican women	47%	48%	5%
	Independent men	51%	46%	3%
	Independent women	58%	39%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	71%	24%	5%
	Moderate	60%	37%	3%
	Conservative	40%	56%	4%
Region	Northeast	63%	35%	2%
	Midwest	57%	38%	5%
	South	49%	45%	6%
	West	48%	47%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	57%	37%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	53%	45%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	54%	39%	7%
	College graduate	52%	45%	3%
Age	Under 45	59%	36%	4%
	45 or older	50%	45%	5%
Age	18 to 29	63%	30%	7%
	30 to 44	57%	40%	3%
	45 to 59	54%	44%	2%
	60 or older	45%	46%	8%
Race	White	52%	43%	5%
	Non-white	57%	39%	4%
Gender	Men	49%	48%	4%
	Women	58%	36%	6%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	67%	27%	5%
	Disapprove	38%	59%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	44%	5%
	Cell Phone	62%	33%	6%

November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters N=810 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters		
		Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?		
		Economic conditions mostly inherited	Economic conditions mostly result of his own policies	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>65%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		<b>34%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Party ID by Gender</b>	<b>Democrat men</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Democrat women</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Republican men</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Republican women</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	<b>Independent men</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>Independent women</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Political Ideology</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Not college graduate</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>College graduate</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>18 to 29</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>30 to 44</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>45 to 59</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>60 or older</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Obama Approval Rating</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>
	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>7%</b>

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		USA Residents		
		When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:		
		The worst is yet to come	The worst is behind us	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Residents		51%	45%	5%
Registered Voters		49%	46%	4%
Party ID	Democrat	35%	61%	5%
	Republican	57%	38%	4%
	Independent	55%	41%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		68%	27%	5%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	33%	62%	5%
	Democrat women	36%	60%	5%
	Republican men	57%	39%	3%
	Republican women	58%	37%	5%
	Independent men	54%	41%	5%
	Independent women	56%	41%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	37%	59%	4%
	Moderate	44%	53%	3%
	Conservative	60%	35%	5%
Region	Northeast	52%	42%	6%
	Midwest	49%	49%	2%
	South	49%	46%	4%
	West	53%	42%	6%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	55%	39%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	52%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	53%	43%	5%
	College graduate	47%	49%	4%
Age	Under 45	47%	49%	3%
	45 or older	52%	42%	5%
Age	18 to 29	43%	55%	2%
	30 to 44	51%	44%	5%
	45 to 59	53%	44%	3%
	60 or older	52%	41%	7%
Race	White	50%	46%	4%
	Non-white	51%	45%	4%
Gender	Men	51%	45%	4%
	Women	50%	45%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	43%	5%
	Cell Phone	48%	51%	1%

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		Registered Voters				
		Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:				
		Let it stand	Change it so it does more	Change it so it does less	Repeal it completely	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		16%	35%	11%	33%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	27%	52%	6%	8%	7%
	Republican	5%	18%	16%	58%	3%
	Independent	14%	34%	12%	36%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		5%	17%	14%	61%	2%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	20%	54%	9%	13%	5%
	Democrat women	32%	51%	5%	5%	8%
	Republican men	2%	19%	15%	61%	2%
	Republican women	8%	17%	18%	53%	4%
	Independent men	12%	31%	14%	40%	3%
	Independent women	16%	39%	10%	31%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	29%	53%	7%	6%	5%
	Moderate	17%	37%	19%	23%	4%
	Conservative	9%	25%	9%	54%	4%
Region	Northeast	12%	45%	13%	26%	5%
	Midwest	17%	31%	11%	36%	4%
	South	14%	33%	12%	36%	6%
	West	21%	34%	10%	31%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	16%	42%	10%	27%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	16%	30%	14%	37%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	15%	39%	8%	32%	6%
	College graduate	17%	30%	16%	34%	3%
Age	Under 45	16%	40%	14%	26%	3%
	45 or older	15%	32%	10%	37%	6%
Age	18 to 29	14%	48%	12%	21%	5%
	30 to 44	18%	35%	15%	30%	3%
	45 to 59	16%	33%	11%	36%	4%
	60 or older	15%	31%	9%	37%	8%
Race	White	13%	29%	12%	40%	6%
	Non-white	22%	49%	10%	16%	4%
Gender	Men	11%	32%	12%	40%	4%
	Women	20%	37%	10%	26%	7%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	16%	33%	14%	34%	4%
	No children in household	16%	36%	10%	32%	6%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	30%	57%	5%	4%	5%
	Disapprove	2%	16%	16%	62%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	16%	32%	11%	35%	5%
	Cell Phone	13%	45%	13%	24%	5%

November 23, 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters N=810 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters		
		Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:		
		Stand or do more	Do less or repeal	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>51%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>3%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		<b>23%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Party ID by Gender</b>	<b>Democrat men</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Democrat women</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Republican men</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>2%</b>
	<b>Republican women</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Independent men</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>3%</b>
	<b>Independent women</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Political Ideology</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Not college graduate</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>College graduate</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>3%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>18 to 29</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>30 to 44</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>3%</b>
	<b>45 to 59</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>60 or older</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Households with children under 18</b>	<b>Household with children</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>No children in household</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Obama Approval Rating</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>5%</b>

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		Registered Voters		
		Should Americans be required by the government to buy health insurance or is it unconstitutional to require it?		
		Americans should be required to buy health insurance	It is unconstitutional to require it	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		29%	65%	7%
Party ID	Democrat	41%	48%	10%
	Republican	18%	79%	3%
	Independent	27%	68%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		14%	83%	3%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	49%	40%	11%
	Democrat women	37%	53%	10%
	Republican men	20%	77%	3%
	Republican women	15%	81%	4%
	Independent men	25%	67%	8%
	Independent women	29%	70%	1%
Political Ideology	Liberal	44%	50%	6%
	Moderate	32%	59%	9%
	Conservative	19%	77%	4%
Region	Northeast	29%	66%	5%
	Midwest	27%	67%	5%
	South	25%	68%	6%
	West	34%	56%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	30%	63%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	29%	66%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	27%	65%	7%
	College graduate	30%	64%	5%
Age	Under 45	26%	71%	3%
	45 or older	29%	62%	8%
Age	18 to 29	25%	73%	2%
	30 to 44	27%	69%	4%
	45 to 59	33%	61%	6%
	60 or older	26%	63%	11%
Race	White	25%	68%	7%
	Non-white	38%	55%	6%
Gender	Men	29%	64%	7%
	Women	28%	66%	6%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	29%	67%	3%
	No children in household	28%	64%	8%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	45%	47%	8%
	Disapprove	16%	80%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	28%	65%	7%
	Cell Phone	30%	65%	4%

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		Registered Voters		
		For each of the following parts of the 2010 Health Care Law please tell me if you think it should remain a law or if you think it should be repealed. The part that: Allows children up to age 26 to stay on their parents health insurance policies?		
		Should remain a law	Should be repealed	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		68%	29%	3%
Party ID	Democrat	87%	10%	3%
	Republican	49%	50%	2%
	Independent	68%	30%	2%
Tea Party Supporters		46%	52%	1%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	88%	10%	2%
	Democrat women	86%	10%	4%
	Republican men	44%	54%	2%
	Republican women	54%	44%	2%
	Independent men	59%	38%	3%
	Independent women	80%	19%	1%
Political Ideology	Liberal	91%	7%	1%
	Moderate	76%	23%	1%
	Conservative	51%	46%	3%
Region	Northeast	66%	32%	3%
	Midwest	67%	31%	1%
	South	68%	28%	3%
	West	70%	27%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	69%	28%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	70%	29%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	69%	27%	4%
	College graduate	67%	32%	1%
Age	Under 45	68%	29%	3%
	45 or older	68%	30%	3%
Age	18 to 29	78%	16%	6%
	30 to 44	62%	37%	1%
	45 to 59	72%	28%	1%
	60 or older	64%	32%	5%
Race	White	64%	33%	3%
	Non-white	78%	19%	3%
Gender	Men	61%	37%	2%
	Women	75%	22%	3%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	68%	30%	1%
	No children in household	68%	28%	4%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	87%	10%	3%
	Disapprove	48%	51%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	67%	30%	3%
	Cell Phone	72%	25%	3%

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		Registered Voters		
		For each of the following parts of the 2010 Health Care Law please tell me if you think it should remain a law or if you think it should be repealed. The part that: Stops insurance companies from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions?		
		Should remain a law	Should be repealed	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		59%	36%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	67%	26%	7%
	Republican	51%	45%	3%
	Independent	59%	37%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		48%	48%	4%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	74%	21%	5%
	Democrat women	63%	29%	8%
	Republican men	48%	50%	2%
	Republican women	55%	40%	5%
	Independent men	58%	40%	2%
	Independent women	61%	33%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal	71%	24%	5%
	Moderate	72%	26%	3%
	Conservative	46%	49%	5%
Region	Northeast	62%	34%	4%
	Midwest	59%	39%	3%
	South	60%	35%	4%
	West	57%	36%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	53%	40%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	66%	32%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	52%	41%	7%
	College graduate	69%	29%	2%
Age	Under 45	61%	36%	4%
	45 or older	59%	36%	5%
Age	18 to 29	59%	35%	6%
	30 to 44	62%	36%	2%
	45 to 59	63%	32%	4%
	60 or older	54%	40%	6%
Race	White	59%	37%	4%
	Non-white	60%	34%	6%
Gender	Men	58%	39%	3%
	Women	61%	32%	7%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	57%	38%	5%
	No children in household	61%	34%	5%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	71%	25%	4%
	Disapprove	51%	45%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	60%	36%	4%
	Cell Phone	58%	36%	6%

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		Registered Voters		
		For each of the following parts of the 2010 Health Care Law please tell me if you think it should remain a law or if you think it should be repealed. The part that: Closes the so-called donut hole in Medicare prescription drug coverage by providing assistance to pay for costs?		
		Should remain a law	Should be repealed	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		57%	32%	11%
Party ID	Democrat	71%	20%	9%
	Republican	46%	47%	7%
	Independent	57%	30%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		39%	54%	7%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	71%	22%	7%
	Democrat women	71%	19%	10%
	Republican men	44%	49%	7%
	Republican women	47%	46%	7%
	Independent men	52%	36%	12%
	Independent women	63%	22%	15%
Political Ideology	Liberal	73%	17%	10%
	Moderate	66%	24%	10%
	Conservative	45%	46%	9%
Region	Northeast	62%	25%	13%
	Midwest	57%	36%	8%
	South	55%	36%	9%
	West	58%	28%	14%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	59%	29%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	58%	33%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	55%	32%	12%
	College graduate	61%	33%	7%
Age	Under 45	58%	31%	10%
	45 or older	57%	32%	10%
Age	18 to 29	60%	35%	5%
	30 to 44	58%	29%	14%
	45 to 59	61%	31%	8%
	60 or older	53%	34%	13%
Race	White	56%	34%	10%
	Non-white	62%	27%	11%
Gender	Men	53%	37%	10%
	Women	62%	27%	11%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	60%	33%	7%
	No children in household	56%	32%	12%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	77%	14%	8%
	Disapprove	40%	49%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	57%	32%	11%
	Cell Phone	59%	34%	7%

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