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## **Majority Wants Highest Court to Change At Least Part of Health Care Law**

\*\*\* Complete Tables for Poll Appended \*\*\*

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

The 2010 health care law is before the United States Supreme Court today. What do Americans nationwide want the outcome to be? 35% think the law should stand in its current form while 34% report the law should be completely repealed. A notable proportion - 21% -- wants the part which mandates Americans to buy health insurance to be declared unconstitutional, and 10% are unsure. Similar proportions of registered voters share these views.

Not surprisingly, there is a partisan divide. 65% of Democrats want the health care law to remain as it is while 53% of Republicans want the law repealed completely. There is little consensus among independent voters. 39% want it overturned completely while 27% believe it should be upheld. Almost one in four of these voters -- 24% -- say the aspect requiring residents to buy health insurance should be overthrown.

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,080 Adults**

This survey of 1,080 adults was conducted on March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. 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 846 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

## Nature of the Sample: Adults & Registered Voters

### Nature of the Sample - National Adults & Registered Voters

		National Adults	Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
National Adults		100%	
Registered Voters		78%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	33%
	Republican	n/a	31%
	Independent	n/a	35%
	Other	n/a	1%
Support Tea Party	Yes	n/a	29%
	No	n/a	64%
	Unsure	n/a	7%
Intensity of Tea Party Support	Strongly support Tea Party	n/a	10%
	Support Tea Party	n/a	19%
	Does not support Tea Party	n/a	64%
	Unsure	n/a	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	5%
	Liberal	n/a	16%
	Moderate	n/a	38%
	Conservative	n/a	28%
	Very conservative	n/a	13%
Gender	Men	49%	48%
	Women	51%	52%
Age	Under 45	38%	30%
	45 or older	62%	70%
Age	18 to 29	18%	11%
	30 to 44	20%	19%
	45 to 59	38%	41%
	60 or older	25%	29%
Race	White	68%	73%
	African American	13%	13%
	Latino	14%	11%
	Other	4%	4%
Region	Northeast	18%	19%
	Midwest	22%	23%
	South	37%	37%
	West	23%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	44%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	56%
Education	Not college graduate	62%	58%
	College graduate	38%	42%
Interview Type	Landline	74%	78%
	Cell Phone	26%	22%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted March 20th through 22nd, 2012, N=1080 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

National Registered Voters: N=846 MOE +/- 3.5 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

## Supreme Court Decision on 2010 Health Care Law

*Asked of Adults*

**Question Wording:** Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what the U.S. Supreme Court should do with the 2010 health care law when it hears arguments in the next few weeks:

		National Adults			
		Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what the U.S. Supreme Court should do with the 2010 health care law when it hears arguments in the next few weeks:			
		Let the law stand	Declare the part that requires Americans to buy health insurance unconstitutional	Repeal the law completely	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		35%	21%	34%	10%
Registered Voters		34%	22%	35%	9%
Party Identification <sup>^</sup>	Democrat	65%	14%	12%	9%
	Republican	10%	29%	53%	8%
	Independent	27%	24%	39%	10%
Tea Party Supporters <sup>^</sup>		12%	23%	61%	5%
Political Ideology <sup>^</sup>	Liberal	63%	16%	13%	7%
	Moderate	41%	24%	27%	8%
	Conservative	14%	24%	53%	9%
Region	Northeast	37%	25%	29%	9%
	Midwest	29%	20%	39%	11%
	South	36%	22%	33%	10%
	West	40%	15%	36%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	34%	22%	34%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	37%	21%	36%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	31%	22%	36%	12%
	College graduate	43%	18%	33%	7%
Age	Under 45	36%	25%	31%	8%
	45 or older	35%	17%	37%	11%
Age	18 to 29	41%	20%	27%	12%
	30 to 44	31%	31%	35%	4%
	45 to 59	35%	19%	36%	10%
	60 or older	35%	15%	38%	12%
Race	White	31%	21%	39%	10%
	African American	67%	15%	9%	9%
	Latino	33%	22%	32%	13%
Gender	Men	37%	19%	36%	8%
	Women	33%	22%	33%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	36%	19%	33%	11%
	Cell Phone	32%	24%	37%	7%

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