



MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SUPPORT HEALTH CARE REFORM

Polling Shows That Americans Want Quality, Affordable Health Care

As Americans continue to struggle under this recession, reducing health care costs is more important than ever. According to recent reports, a majority of American families are seriously concerned about the skyrocketing costs of health care. With Americans increasingly focused on this issue, a majority of the public supports reform to lower costs, preserve and expand patient choice, and assure access to quality, affordable health care for all.

Health Care Costs Hurting American Families

Rising health care costs have had a negative impact on Americans' finances, including a decrease in contributions to retirement plans (**32%**) and other savings (**53%**) and in difficulty paying for basic necessities (**29%**) and other bills (**37%**). – Employee Benefit Research Institute, 7/09

85% worry personally about healthcare costs. – Gallup poll, 6/26/09

86% agree the “rising cost of health care” is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” threat to the nation’s economy. – New York Times/CBS News poll, 6/20/09

Americans Call for Health Care Reform

85% say the current health care system needs “fundamental changes” or we need to “completely rebuild it.” – New York Times/CBS News poll, 6/20/09

58% say “government reform [is] necessary to stall skyrocketing costs and expand coverage for the uninsured.” – Washington Post/ABC News poll, 6/24/09

55% think the “U.S. health care system is in need of a great deal of reform.” – CNN/Opinion Research Corp. survey, 7/1/09

Americans Trust Democrats to Enact Health Care Reform

57% say Democrats are more likely to improve health care, compared to only 18 % of respondents who picked Republicans. Even one of four Republicans said the Democrats would do better. – New York Times/CBS News poll, 6/20/09

53% say “they trust Obama more than Congressional Republicans [33%] to take on the issue” of health care reform. – Quinnipiac University poll, 7/1/09

“Nearly half of those questioned have more trust in the president than in congressional Republicans (38%) to handle health care overhaul.” – CNN/Opinion Research Corp. survey, 7/1/09