

Topline Results from a Survey

Of n = 1,067 adults nationwide

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Margin of sampling error for total is +/- 4.1 percentage points

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ACA

The first questions are about the Affordable Care Act, sometimes called "Obamacare."

1. In general, what is your opinion of the Affordable Care Act?

Favorable	26
Unfavorable	36
Neutral	22
Don't know enough to say	15
Refused	1

2. Do you tend to think what you hear in the news about the ACA is mostly true, mostly not true, or is it hard to tell?

Mostly true	19
Mostly not true	16
Hard to tell	63
Refused	2

3. Do you feel there has been enough information to the public or not enough information about what is in the law and how it works?

Enough information	18
Not enough information	57
I'm not sure	23
Refused	2

4. Which comes closest to your view: Since the law passed ...
- I have learned a lot about how the law affects me 37
 - I still don't know a lot about how the law affects me 60
 - Refused 3
5. Have you gotten health insurance as a result of the law?
- Yes..... 16
 - No 82
 - Refused 2
6. As far as you know, does the law:
- Help you..... 16
 - Hurt you 28
 - Doesn't affect you 54
 - Refused 2
7. IF HURT IN Q6: How has it hurt you? AWAITING OPEN END RESPONSES
N=300
8. IF HELPED in Q6: How has it helped you? AWAITING OPEN END
RESPONSES N=167
9. The law is almost 5 years old. Has your opinion of the law changed over
time or not really changed?
- Yes, my opinion has changed 14
 - No, my opinion has not really changed 83
 - Refused 3
10. IF YES IN Q9: Has your opinion become more favorable of the law or
more unfavorable of the law? N=154
- Favorable 42
 - Unfavorable 58
 - Refused 1

11. IF UNFAVORABLE IN Q10: Has your opinion become more unfavorable of the law because... MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED N=88

- The news about the law has been negative..... 15
- You heard negative comments from people affected by the law 38
- You became frustrated that you still did not understand the law..... 33
- Your insurance and health care costs went up..... 65
- You lost your insurance plan 12
- Your taxes went up to pay for the law 29
- People still think it should be repealed so it must be bad 14
- Some other reason (SPECIFY ____) 28

Do you think each of these things is part of the law or not, or are you not sure? It is okay if you are not sure.

	Yes, part of the law	No, not part of the law	I'm not sure	Refused
12. Undocumented immigrants are able to get receive financial help from the government to buy insurance	23	20	55	2
13. Low and middle income uninsured Americans can get tax credits to help pay for health insurance	54	7	37	2
14. Almost everyone has to have insurance or else pay a fine in their taxes	75	4	19	2
15. Insurance plans can't limit how much they will pay for your care	23	19	56	2
16. Insurance plans can't deny people coverage based on pre-existing conditions	64	7	26	2
17. A government panel helps makes decisions about patients' end-of-life care	16	28	53	2
18. People receiving traditional Medicare had their benefits cut	16	28	53	2
19. Children can stay on their parents' health insurance plan until the age of 26.	62	6	30	2

Do you think any of these things are happening because of the law?

	Yes, happening <u>because of</u> the law	No, not happening <u>because of</u> the law	I'm not sure	Refused
20. Insurance costs are going up for everyone	49	19	30	2
21. Your taxes are going up	42	20	36	2
22. More people are getting health insurance	60	12	26	2
23. Small businesses are getting tax credits to help them offer health insurance to their employees	29	17	51	2
24. The government has more control over the types of care doctors order	39	21	38	2
25. Businesses are cutting back on the hours of their employees so they do not have to provide insurance	54	12	32	2
26. More people are losing their private health insurance plans	39	22	36	2

27. In the first enrollment period, did the law meet its goals for the number of people expected to enroll in health insurance?

Yes, it met its goals 13
 No, it did not meet its goals 44
 I'm not sure 41
 Refused 2

28. The law passed in 2010 and there were estimates about how much it would cost. Do you think the government is spending:

Less than what was estimated..... 5
 More than what was estimated 42
 About what was estimated..... 10
 I'm not sure 40
 Refused 2

29. Which comes closest to your point of view about the law?

- The health care law is a start but I want to see it changed so that it works better for more Americans..... 58
- The health care law doesn't work and should be repealed. 38
- Refused 4

30. Just to be clear, what would you like Congress to do about the law?

- Repeal the law and replace it with something else..... 31
- Keep the law as it is 4
- Keep the law but make changes so it works better 46
- No opinion 16
- Refused 2

31. As you may have heard, the Supreme Court will soon hear a case called *King vs. Burwell* about whether the health care law says a) people in all states can get tax credits to help buy health insurance, or b) just people in the 14 states with state-run insurance marketplaces can get tax credits.

Let's say the Supreme Court rules that only people living in the 14 states with state-based health insurance marketplaces can get federal tax credits. People in states that use the federal marketplace (healthcare.gov) would no longer get tax credits to help buy insurance. According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, that could lead to 8.2 million people losing their health insurance coverage.

In your opinion, would this situation be:

- A good thing because I don't want government money going to help pay for other people's health insurance..... 31
- A bad thing because it's not fair to take away financial help for people who live in states that use a federal marketplace .. 63
- Refused 6

Abortion

32. Thinking about a different subject, the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* dealt with which of the following issues:

Abortion	67
The death penalty	1
School desegregation	3
Environmental protection	1
I'm not sure	25
Refused	2

33. In 1973 the *Roe v. Wade* decision established a woman's constitutional right to have an abortion. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its *Roe v. Wade* decision, or not?

Overturn <i>Roe v. Wade</i>	28
Do not overturn <i>Roe v. Wade</i>	67
Refused	6

34. Which comes closer to your view:

The law says a woman has a right to an abortion. As long as this is the law, women should have access to safe and affordable abortion care.	62
Even though there is a right to abortion, we should work to reduce abortions by making it harder for women to access care	32
Refused	6

35. SPLIT A: In general, what is your feeling right now: N=537

Abortion should be legal in almost all cases	28
Abortion should be legal in most cases.....	18
Abortion should <u>only</u> be legal in cases of rape, abuse, or if the woman's health is at risk	34
Abortion should never be legal	16
Refused	5

36. SPLIT A: Do you feel strongly about your view or not so strongly?, N=537

Strongly.....	76
Not so strongly	19
Refused	4

37. SPLIT A: What is your general feeling about laws around abortion right now: N=537

We should pass laws to make abortion care <u>less</u> available to women	23
We should pass laws to make abortion care <u>more</u> available to women	35
Neither	40
Refused	3

38. SPLIT A: The new Republican-controlled Congress proposed 11 restrictions on abortion in the first 21 days of session this year. Is this something you support or oppose? N=537

Strongly support	13
Somewhat support.....	26
Somewhat oppose	24
Strongly oppose.....	31
Refused	6

39. SPLIT B: In general, what is your feeling right now: N=530

Women should have a legal right to safe and accessible abortion in almost all cases.....	37
Women should have a legal right to safe and accessible abortion in most cases	16
Women should only have a legal right to abortion if they were raped, abused, or their health was at risk	32
Women should not have a legal right to any kind of abortion.....	11
Refused	4

40. SPLIT B: Do you feel strongly about your view or not so strongly? N=530

Strongly.....	77
Not so strongly	19
Refused	4

41. If a close family member or friend told you she decided to have an abortion, would you give her:

A lot of support.....	42
Some support	21
A little support	14
No support.....	19
Refused	4

42. Have you ever talked with someone about the experience of having an abortion or the decision to have one?

Yes.....	40
No	57
Refused	3

43. Think about a woman who has decided to have an abortion. How would you want that experience to be for her? Would you want it to be...

	Yes	No	Refused
a. Comfortable	72	22	6
b. Supportive	73	21	6
c. Without pressure	73	21	5
d. Non-judgmental	74	21	5
e. Affordable	69	26	6
f. Informed by medically-accurate information	87	9	4
g. Without added burdens	70	24	6

44. Do you think most communities have an abortion provider? Your impression or best guess is fine.

Yes, most have one 43
 No, most do not have one 53
 Refused 5

45. Right now, 87% of counties in the US do not have an abortion provider. Is this:

Surprising 33
 Not surprising 47
 Neither 17
 Refused 3

46. Have you heard of a recent trend of states passing laws making it harder for women to get abortion care?

Yes, I've heard of a trend 34
 No, I haven't heard of a trend..... 38
 I'm not sure 24
 Refused 3

In the last three years, states across the country have passed 205 laws that make it harder for women to get abortion care.

The 205 laws tend to fall into these categories:

- Making women undergo an ultrasound, whether or not the doctor says it is necessary. In some states, the doctor must describe the image and display it in front of the woman
- Making doctors give women medically inaccurate information
- Banning abortion at various stages, as early as six weeks
- Clinics that provide abortions must meet new building standards for new hospitals or else shut down (these laws only apply to abortion providers; other out-patient surgical centers are exempt)
- Forcing women to make multiple, medically-unnecessary appointments for care
- Making women go get counseling from health centers that advise childbirth over abortion
- Making it illegal for insurance plans to cover abortion care
- Making it illegal for Medicaid to cover abortion care, even when the woman's health is at risk

47. What is one word that describes how you feel about this trend?

AWAITING OPEN END RESPONSES

48. Do you feel this new trend that makes it harder for women to get abortion care is going:

In the right direction	34
In the wrong direction.....	60
Refused	7

49. Do you think a male politician or a female politician is more likely to propose laws making it harder for women to access abortion?

Male politician.....	37
Female politician.....	7
Both equally	52
Refused	4

50. Which elected officials would you most want to hear from on this issue:

Women.....	21
Men	2
Both equally	72
Refused	4

51. Let's say a woman has decided to have an abortion. How far would you want her to drive in order to get abortion care?

0 to 10 miles	25
10 to 30 miles	28
30 to 60 miles	17
60 to 100 miles	6
100 to 200 miles	3
200 or more miles	14
Refused	7

52. According to public health statistics, 1 in 3 women will have an abortion by the time she is age 45. Is this more than you thought or fewer than you thought?

More than I thought.....	73
Fewer than I thought.....	22
Refused	5

53. Many women do not talk about having an abortion because they feel ashamed. Would you want a woman who has had an abortion to feel shame, or not?

Would want her to feel shame	26
Would not want her to feel shame.....	67
Refused	6

54. Would you want a close friend or family member to feel she could talk to you about her experience having an abortion?

Yes..... 80
No 16
Refused 5

55. What kind of impact do you think it would have if women talked more openly about their experience with abortion?

Positive impact..... 41
Negative impact..... 9
No impact 8
I'm not sure 38
Refused 3

56. SPLIT B: What is your general feeling about laws around abortion right now: N=530

We should pass laws to make abortion care less available to women 20
We should pass laws to make abortion care more available to women 42
Neither 34
Refused 4

57. SPLIT B: The new Republican-controlled Congress proposed 11 restrictions on abortion in the first 21 days of session this year. Is this something you support or oppose? N=530

Strongly support 18
Somewhat support..... 19
Somewhat oppose 24
Strongly oppose..... 32
Refused 7

58. Women living in poverty are likely to have Medicaid for health insurance coverage. Do you think Medicaid should cover abortion care or not?

Yes, should cover	48
No, should not cover	46
Refused	6

59. Do you label yourself as:

Pro-choice	32
Pro-life	26
Both	18
Neither	21
Refused	4

Vote

60. How often would you say you vote:

Always	39
Nearly always	27
Part of the time	8
Seldom	7
Never	14
Not sure	3
Refused	2

61. Think back to when President Obama first got elected in 2008. Were you excited or not excited that the US elected its first black President?

1 – 10 scale	
10 – Very excited	20
9	6
8	8
7	7
6	7
5	13
4	3
3	5
2	4
1 - Not at all excited	25
Refused	3
10-6	47
1-5	50
Mean	5.4

62. If Hillary Clinton were to be elected in 2016, would you be excited or not excited that the US elected its first woman President?

1 – 10 scale	
10 – Very excited	17
9	7
8	8
7	6
6	7
5	12
4	3
3	4
2	4
1 - Not at all excited	28
Refused	3
10-6	46
1-5	51
Mean	5.2

Feminism

63. In the past couple years, would you say the issue of feminism is being talked about:

More often	35
Less often	18
About the same	43
Refused	4

64. Do you think that is a:

Good thing.....	30
Bad thing.....	15
I'm not sure	51
Refused	4

65. Do you consider yourself a feminist or not?

Yes.....	18
No	52
I'm not sure	26
Refused	4

66. SPLIT A: Do you believe in social, political, legal, and economic equality of the sexes? N=537

Yes.....	78
No	6
I'm not sure	12
Refused	4

67. SPLIT B: Do you believe in equality for women? N=530

Yes.....	85
No	3
I'm not sure	8
Refused	3

68. In the past year, have you:

	Yes	No	Refused
a) Talked to a friend or family member about issues related to women's equality	34	62	3
b) Thought more than you had in the past about women's issues that relate to equality	29	68	3
c) Paid more attention than usual to stories in the news that relate to women's equality	32	65	4

69. This question is about financial stability. By that we mean a stable income and enough resources to support a decent standard of living now and in the future. Overall, do you think women have:

Less financial stability than men.....	48
About the same level of financial stability	41
More financial stability than men	7
Refused	4

70. Do you think there is full equality for women in work, life, and politics or is there still work to be done?

Yes, there is full equality right now	20
No, there is still work to be done.....	76
Refused	4

71. How important are women's issues around equality when it comes to choosing who you are going to vote for in elections?

Extremely important	13
Very important	25
Somewhat important.....	34
Not very important.....	14
Not at all important.....	10
Refused	5

Gender Identity

72. Regardless of your sex, how would you rate yourself on a scale of 0 to 10:

0 – 10 scale	
10 – Very feminine	11
9	6
8	11
7	11
6	6
5	15
4	4
3	7
2	9
1	6
0 – Very masculine	10
Refused	4
10-6	45
5	15
0-4	36
Mean	5.2

73. Do you consider yourself transgender?

Yes.....	1
No	96
Other.....	0
Refused	3

Demographics

Gender

Male	48
Female	52

Age

18-29	21
30-44	25
45-59	27
60+	27

Race/Ethnicity

White, non-Hispanic.....	66
Black, non-Hispanic.....	12
Hispanic	15
2+ races, non-Hispanic	1
Other, non-Hispanic.....	6

Education

Less than high school.....	12
High school	30
Some college	29
College degree +.....	29

Income

Less than \$40,000	32
\$40,000-\$99,999	42
\$100,000 or more	26

Marital Status

Married.....	52
Living with a partner	9
Never married	24
Separated.....	2
Widowed.....	5
Divorced.....	8

Employment Status

Working, paid employee	49
Working, self-employed.....	7
Not working, temporary lay-off/looking.....	9
Not working, retired.....	18
Not working, disabled.....	7
Not working, other.....	10

Metro/Non-metro

Metro	84
Non-metro	16

Region

Northeast	18
Midwest.....	21
South.....	37
West	23