

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### HEALTHCARE OVERHAUL ANNIVERSARY

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 18-19, 2011, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of  $\approx 1,038$ —adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample includes a minimum quota of 200 cell phone respondents and 800 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, cell phone only status, cell phone mostly status and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

Question(s) were asked of a random half-sample on two nights' of the Gallup Daily tracking survey.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

1. As you may know, a year ago, Congress passed a law that restructures the nation's healthcare system. All in all, do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing that Congress passed this law?

	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Mar 18-19	46	44	10

**For comparison:** *As you may know, yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that restructures the nation's healthcare system. All in all, do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing that Congress passed this bill?*

	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Mar 22	49	40	11

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2. Do you think the healthcare reform law will improve, not change or worsen medical care in the U.S.?

	<u>Improve</u>	<u>Not change</u>	<u>Worsen</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Mar 18-19	39	12	44	5

**For comparison:** *Would a new healthcare reform law improve, not change or worsen medical care in the U.S.?*

	<u>Improve</u>	<u>Not change</u>	<u>Worsen</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2009 Jul 24-25	44	14	34	8

3. Do you think the healthcare reform law will improve, not change or worsen your own medical care?

	<u>Improve</u>	<u>Not change</u>	<u>Worsen</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Mar 18-19	25	31	39	6

**For comparison:** *Would a new healthcare reform law improve, not change or worsen your own medical care?*

	<u>Improve</u>	<u>Not change</u>	<u>Worsen</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2009 Jul 24-25	26	29	34	11