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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 3-6, 2011 with a random sample of –1,012— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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

For results based on the sample of –889— registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –532— men, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –480— women, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 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 sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. 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, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). 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.

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.

14. Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

	<u>Yes, government responsibility</u>	<u>No, not government responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 3-6	50	46	4
2010 Nov 4-7	47	50	3
2009 Nov 5-8	47	50	3
2008 Nov 13-16 ^	54	41	5
2007 Nov 11-14 ^	64	33	3
2006 Nov 9-12 ^	69	28	3
2005 Nov 7-10 ^	58	38	4
2004 Nov 7-10 ^	64	34	2
2003 Nov 3-5 ^	59	39	2
2002 Nov 11-14	62	35	3
2001 Nov 8-11 ^	62	34	4
2000 Sep 11-13	64	31	5
2000 Jan 13-16	59	38	3

^ Asked of a half sample.

15. Which of the following approaches for providing health care in the United States would you prefer -- [ROTATED: a government run health care system, (or) a system based mostly on private health insurance]?

	<u>Government run system</u>	<u>System based on private insurance</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 3-6	39	56	6
2010 Nov 4-7	34	61	5

For comparison: Which of the following approaches for providing health care in the United States would you prefer -- [ROTATED: replacing the current health care system with a new government run health care system, (or) maintaining the current system based mostly on private health insurance]?

	<u>Replacing the current system</u>	<u>Maintaining the current system</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2009 Nov 5-8	32	61	7
2009 Mar 27-29	39	56	5
2008 Nov 13-16 ^	41	49	10
2007 Nov 11-14 ^	41	48	11
2006 Nov 9-12 ^	39	51	10
2005 Nov 7-10 ^	41	49	10
2004 Nov 7-10 ^	32	63	5
2003 Nov 3-5 ^	38	57	5
2001 Nov 8-11 ^	33	61	6

^ Asked of a half sample.

33. If you had to choose, do you think the healthcare law – [ROTATED: should be kept in place (or) should be repealed]?

	<u>Kept in place</u>	<u>Repealed</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 3-6	42	47	11

34. (*Asked of those who think healthcare law should be repealed or kept in place*) How important is it to you that Congress [keep the healthcare law in place / repeal the healthcare law]—very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

BASED ON –904—ADULTS WITH AN OPINION ON THE HEALTHCARE LAW; ±4 PCT PTS

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 3-6	63	31	4	2	*
<i>Think law should be kept</i> [^]	60	31	5	3	1
<i>Think law should be repealed</i> [†]	66	30	4	*	*

[^]Based on –423—adults who think the healthcare law should be kept in place; ±6 PCT PTS

[†]Based on –481—adults who think the healthcare law should be repealed; ±6 PCT PTS