

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT APPROVAL AND FAMILIARITY

Results are based on telephone interviews with –1,034– national adults, aged 18+, conducted November 23-24, 2013. For results based on the total sample of National Adults, the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and 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 to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2011 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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.

Next, we'd like to ask you some questions about the Affordable Care Act, the law President Obama signed in 2010 that restructured the U.S. health care system.

1. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Obama that restructured the U.S. health care system?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Nov 23-24	40	54	6
2013 Nov 7-10 †	40	55	4
2013 Oct 26-28	44	47	9
2013 Oct 18-20	45	50	6
2013 Aug 17-18	41	49	11
2013 Jun 20-24 †	44	52	4
2012 Nov 15-18 ^ †	48	45	7

† Asked on Gallup Poll News Service (non-tracking) poll

^ WORDING: Do you generally approve or disapprove of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obama-care," that restructured the U.S. health care system?

2. As you may know, a few of the provisions of the healthcare law have already gone into effect. So far, has the new law— [ROTATED: helped you and your family, not had an effect, (or has it) hurt you and your family]?

	<u>Helped</u>	<u>Had no effect</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Nov 23-24	9	69	19	4
2012 Feb 20-21	12	70	16	3

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3. In the long run, how do you think the healthcare law will affect your family’s healthcare situation? Will it—  
[ROTATED: make things better, not make much difference, (or will it) make things worse]?

	<u>Make better</u>	<u>Not make much difference</u>	<u>Make worse</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Nov 23-24	20	34	41	5
2013 Oct 26-28	25	36	34	5
2013 Aug 17-18	24	34	38	5
2013 Jun 20-24 †	22	33	42	3
2012 Feb 20-21 ^	24	34	38	5

† Asked on Gallup Poll News Service (non-tracking) poll

^ WORDING: Now suppose all of the provisions of the healthcare law go into effect in the next few years. In the long run, how do you think the healthcare law would affect your family’s healthcare situation? Would it—[ROTATED: make things better, not make much difference, (or would it) make things worse]?

4. In the long run, how do you think the healthcare law will affect the healthcare situation in the U.S.? Will it—  
it—[ROTATED: make things better, not make much difference, (or will it) make things worse]?

	<u>Make better</u>	<u>Not make much difference</u>	<u>Make worse</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Nov 23-24	34	12	48	6
2013 Oct 26-28	36	14	44	6
2013 Aug 17-18	35	15	44	6
2013 Jun 20-24 †	34	16	47	3

† Asked on Gallup Poll News Service (non-tracking) poll

5. Still thinking about the 2010 Affordable Care Act, how familiar are you with the healthcare law— very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar, or not familiar at all?

	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not too</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Nov 23-24	19	53	15	13	1
2013 Oct 26-28	19	49	19	12	1
2013 Aug 17-18	15	53	18	12	2
2013 Jun 20-24 †	16	59	18	7	*

† Asked on Gallup Poll News Service (non-tracking) poll