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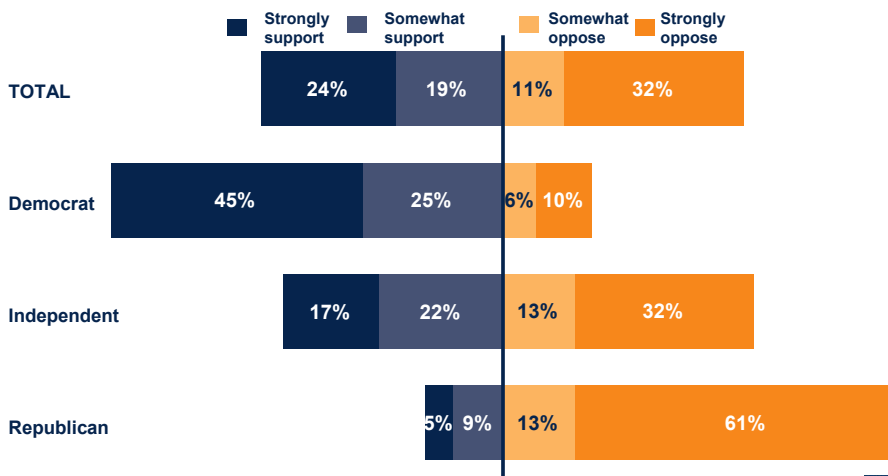
Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: February 2010

February 2010

CHART 1

Support/Opposition for Current Reform Proposals

As of right now, do you generally support or generally oppose the health care proposals being discussed in Congress? Is that strongly or somewhat?



Note: "Depends on the proposal" responses not shown. "Don't know/Refused" responses for total=12%; Democrat=10%; Independent=12%; Republican=10%

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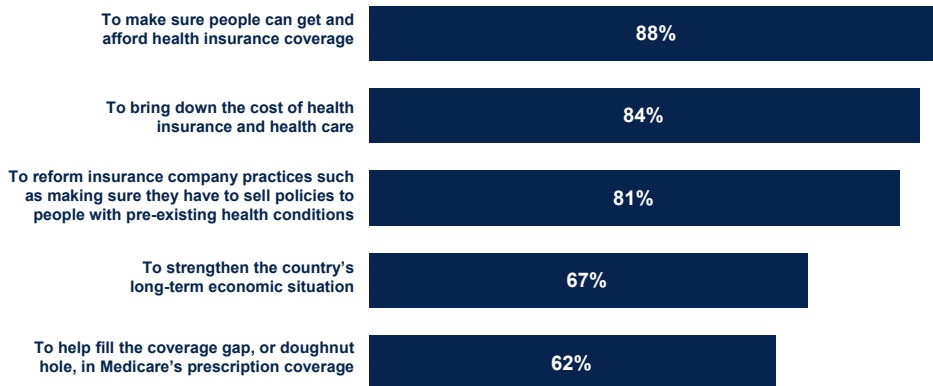


CHART 2

Top Reasons for Support

I'm going to read some reasons people give for supporting the proposed health care legislation. After I read each one, please tell me if it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you yourself support the legislation.

AMONG THOSE WHO SUPPORT HEALTH CARE PROPOSALS, percent who say each is a MAJOR reason for supporting:



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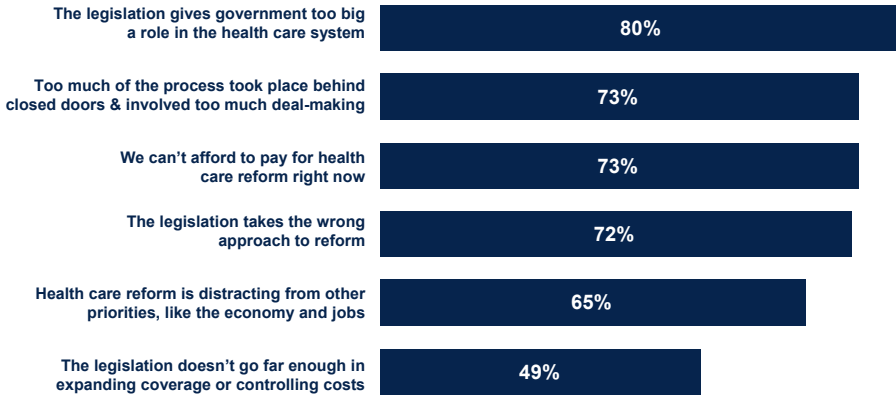


CHART 3

Top Reasons for Opposition

I'm going to read some reasons people give for opposing the proposed health care legislation. After I read each one, please tell me if it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you yourself oppose the legislation.

AMONG THOSE WHO OPPOSE HEALTH CARE PROPOSALS, percent who say each is a MAJOR reason for opposing:



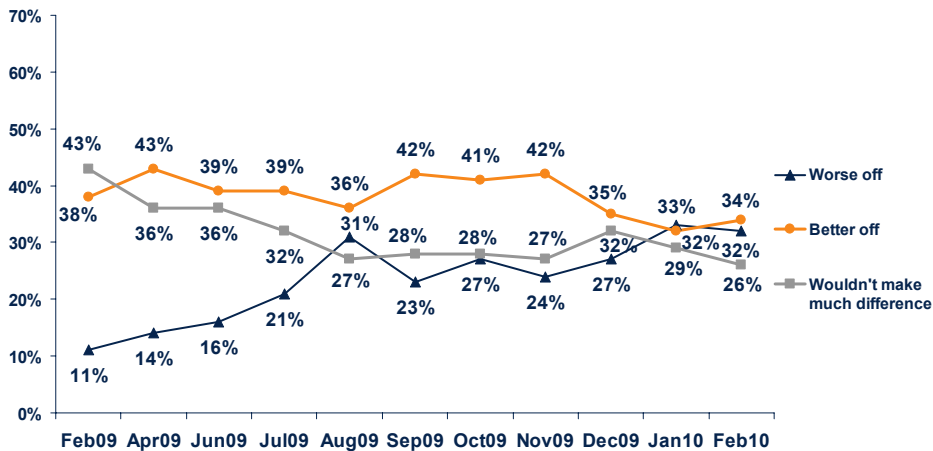
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CHART 4

Impact on Own Family: Time Trend

Do you think you and your family would be better off or worse off if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference?



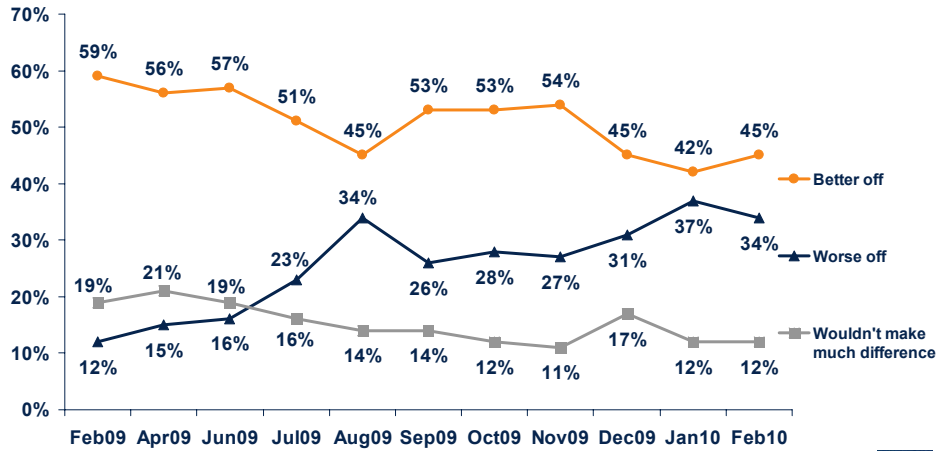
Note: Asked of half sample in Nov09. "Don't know/Refused" and "It depends (vol.);" responses not shown.
Sources: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking polls



CHART 5

Impact on Country: Time Trend

Do you think the country as a whole would be better off or worse off if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference?



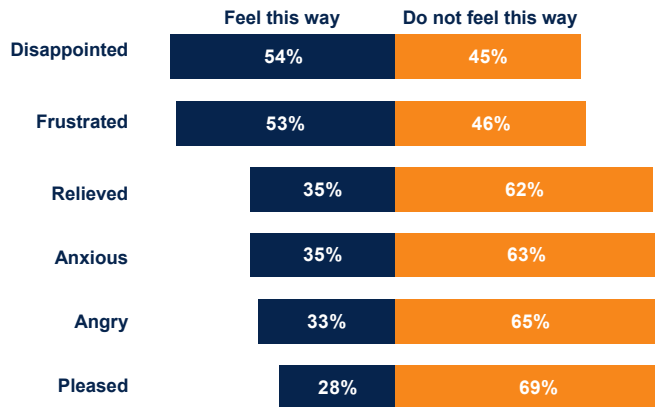
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CHART 6

Emotional Reaction to News of Unexpected Delays

As you may know, health care reform legislation was passed separately by the U.S. House and the Senate in recent months, but the two houses have not been able to agree on one plan to send to the president and so the legislation is currently stalled out in Congress. Does the fact that health reform has run into some delays make you feel ...?



Note: "Don't know/Refused" responses not shown.
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CHART 7

Feelings Differ Based on Party Identification

Does the fact that health reform has run into some delays make you feel this way, or not?

Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Disappointed (72%)	Disappointed (53%)	Relieved (59%)
Frustrated (68%)	Frustrated (51%)	Pleased (48%)
Anxious (48%)	Relieved (35%)	Frustrated (38%)
Angry (43%)	Angry (34%)	Disappointed (35%)
Relieved (18%)	Anxious (30%)	Anxious (23%)
Pleased (15%)	Pleased (27%)	Angry (22%)

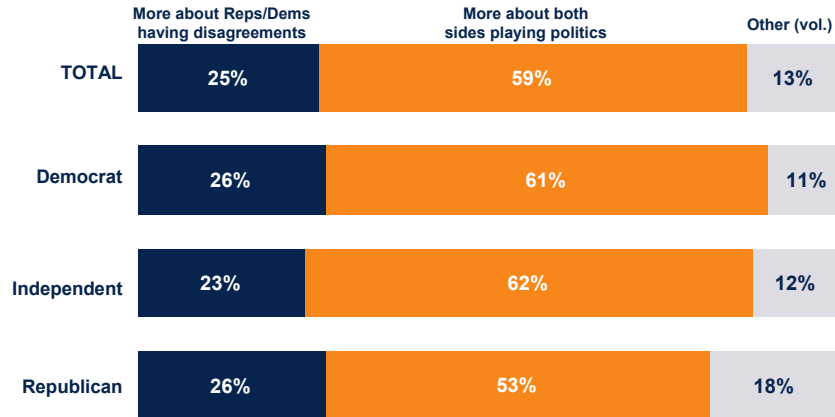
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CHART 8

Delays about Policy or Politics?

Do you think the delays in passing health care reform are more about Republicans and Democrats having fundamental disagreements on what would be the right policy for the country, or more about both sides playing politics with the issue?



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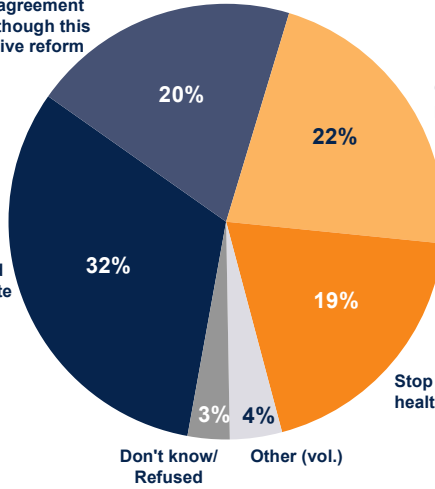
CHART 9

Next Steps for Health Reform

What do you think Congress should do now on health care reform?

Pull out a few key provisions where there is broad agreement and pass those, even though this won't be comprehensive reform

Move soon to pass the comprehensive legislation that has already been approved by the House and Senate



Put health care on hold, so Congress can work on other priorities, and try to deal with it later in the year

Stop working on health care this year

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Poll (conducted February 11-16, 2010)



CHART 10

Next Steps for Health Reform: By Party ID

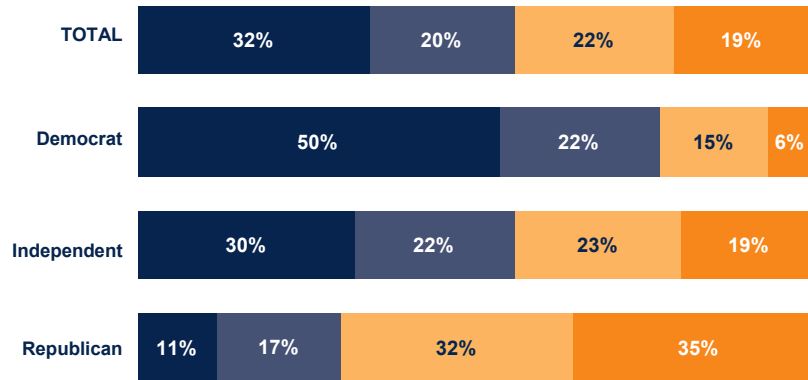
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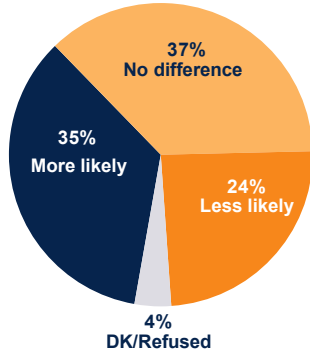
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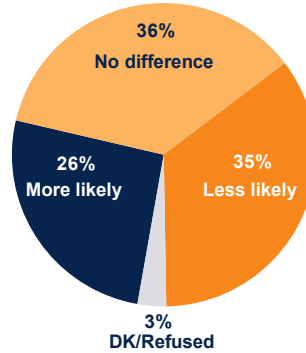
CHART 11

Health Care Reform and the Midterm Elections

If a candidate for Congress **SUPPORTED** health care reform legislation, would that make you more likely to vote for him or her, less likely to vote for him or her, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?



If a candidate for Congress **OPPOSED** health care reform legislation, would that make you more likely to vote for him or her, less likely to vote for him or her, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?



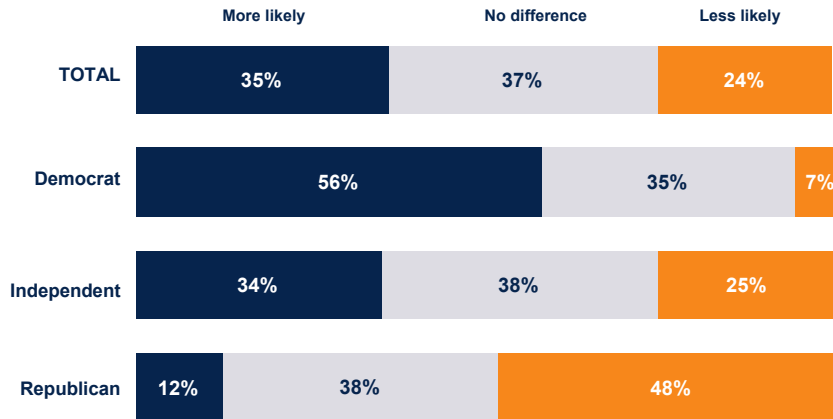
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CHART 12

What if a Candidate Supported Reform Legislation?

If a candidate for Congress **SUPPORTED** health care reform legislation, would that make you more likely to vote for him or her, less likely to vote for him or her, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?



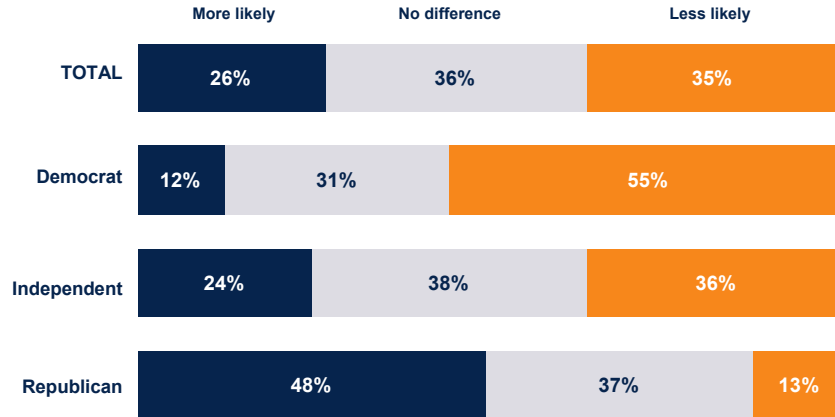
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CHART 13

What if a Candidate Opposed Reform Legislation?

If a candidate for Congress **OPPOSED** health care reform legislation, would that make you more likely to vote for him or her, less likely to vote for him or her, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?



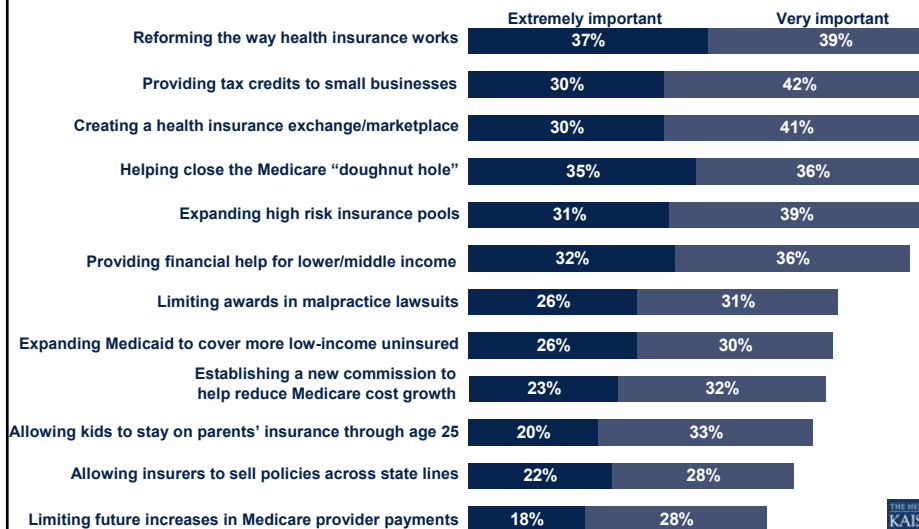
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CHART 14

Most Important Provisions to Pass Into Law

Percent saying it is "extremely" or "very important" that each element be passed into law:



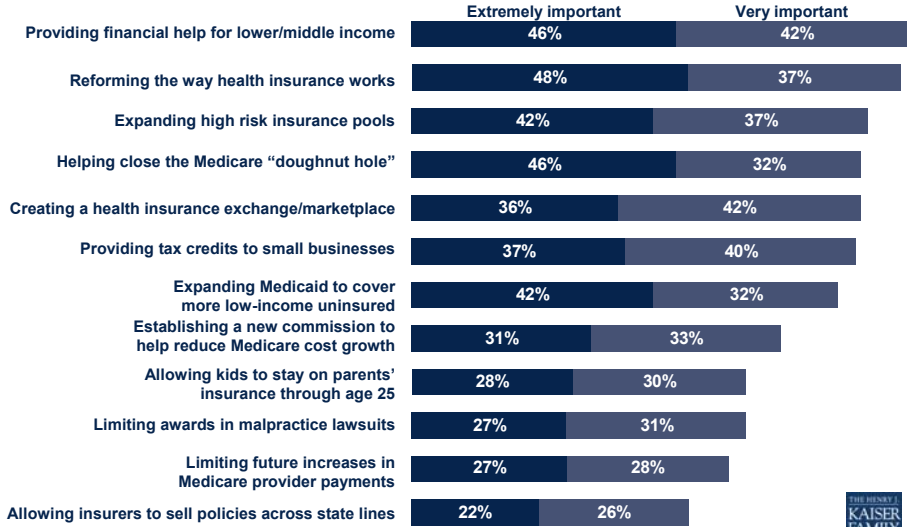
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CHART 15

Most Important Provisions for Democrats

% of Democrats saying it is “extremely” or “very important” that each element be passed into law:



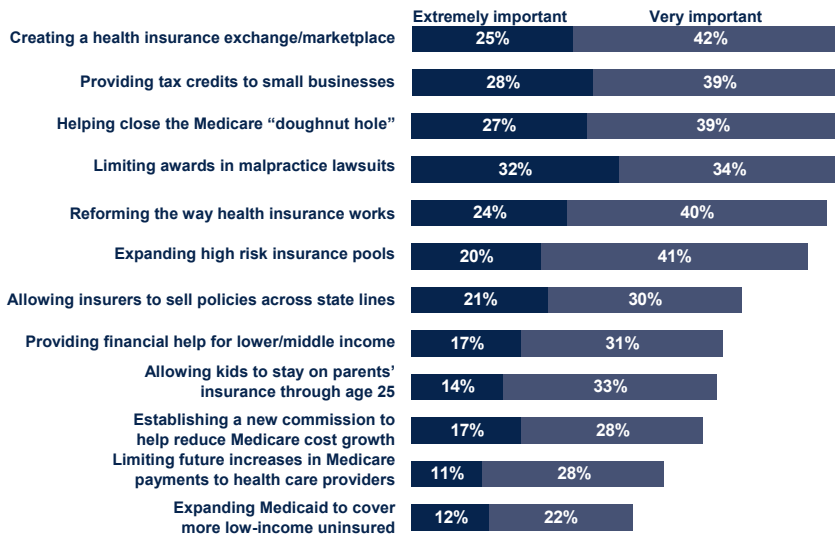
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CHART 16

Most Important Provisions for Republicans

% of Republicans saying it is “extremely” or “very important” that each element be passed into law:



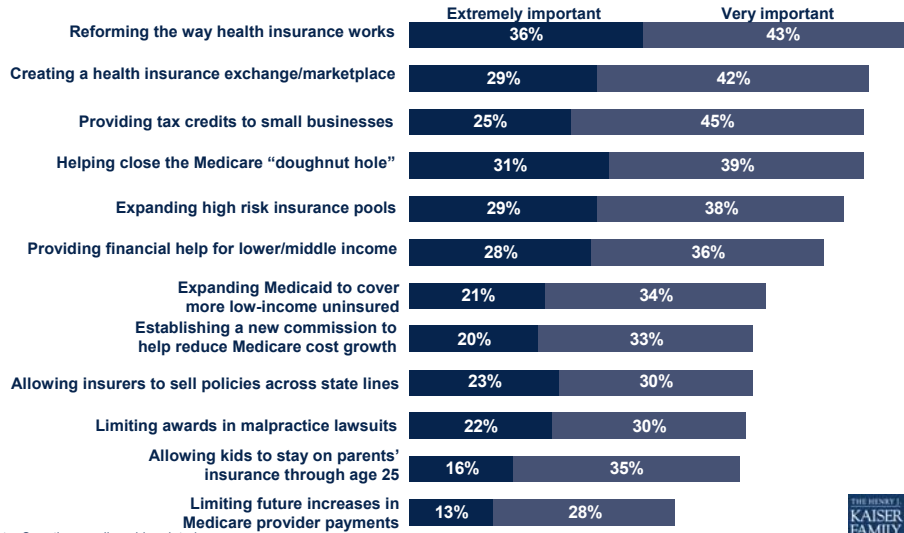
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CHART 17

Most Important Provisions for Independents

% of independents saying it is “extremely” or “very important” that each element be passed into law:



Note: Question wording abbreviated. Source: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Tracking Poll* (conducted February 11-16, 2010)



CHART 18

Areas of Agreement in Health Reform Legislation

Percent saying it is “extremely” or “very important” that each element be passed into law:

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
<i>At least six in ten in each group believe important</i>				
1. Reforming the way health insurance works	76%	85%	79%	64%
2. Providing tax credits to small businesses	72%	77%	70%	67%
3. Creating a health insurance exchange/marketplace	71%	78%	71%	67%
4. Helping close the Medicare “doughnut hole”	71%	78%	70%	66%
5. Expanding high risk insurance pools	70%	79%	67%	61%
<i>At least six in ten in two groups believe important</i>				
6. Providing financial help for low/middle income	68%	88%	64%	48%

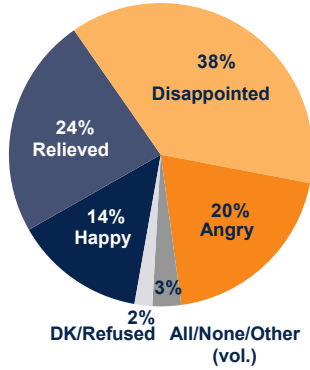
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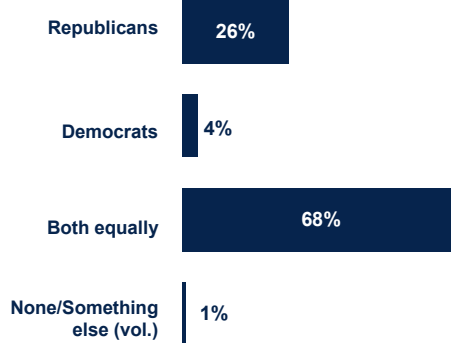
CHART 19

What if Congress Stops Working on Health Reform?

Which would you say comes closest to how you would feel if Congress decides to STOP work on health care reform and doesn't pass a law this year: Would you say you will feel...



AMONG THOSE ANGRY/DISAPPOINTED: If Congress stops working on health care and doesn't pass a law this year, would you be more angry/disappointed with the Republicans in Congress, the Democrats in Congress or both equally?*



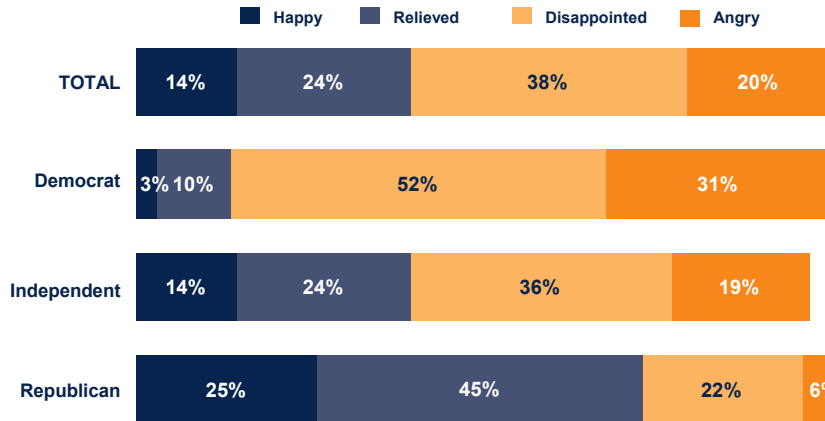
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CHART 20

Reactions to Health Reform Halt: By Party ID

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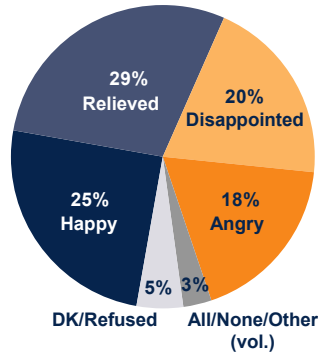
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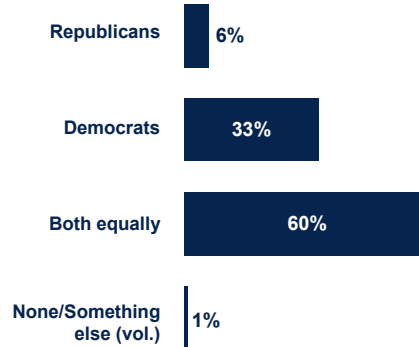
CHART 21

What if Congress Passes Health Reform?

Which would you say comes closest to how you would feel if Congress **PASSES** a final version of the health care reform bills that have already passed the House and Senate: Would you say you will feel...



AMONG THOSE ANGRY/DISAPPOINTED:
If Congress passes a final version of the bills that have already passed the House and Senate, would you be more angry/disappointed with the Republicans in Congress, the Democrats in Congress or both equally?*



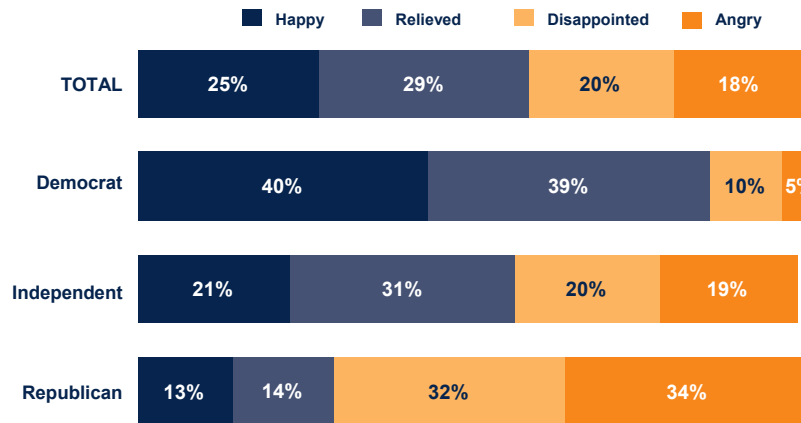
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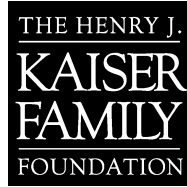
Reactions to Health Reform Passage: By Party ID

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