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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: December 2015

METHODOLOGY

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). The survey was conducted December 1-7, 2015, among a nationally representative random digit dial telephone sample of 1,202 adults ages 18 and older, living in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii (note: persons without a telephone could not be included in the random selection process). Computer-assisted telephone interviews conducted by landline (480) and cell phone (722, including 414 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Both the random digit dial landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International, LLC. For the landline sample, respondents were selected by asking for the youngest adult male or female currently at home based on a random rotation. If no one of that gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender. For the cell phone sample, interviews were conducted with the adult who answered the phone. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The combined landline and cell phone sample was weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the national population using data from the Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) on sex, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, nativity (for Hispanics only), and region along with data from the 2010 Census on population density. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of telephone use using data from the July-December 2014 National Health Interview Survey. The weight takes into account the fact that respondents with both a landline and cell phone have a higher probability of selection in the combined sample and also adjusts for the household size for the landline sample. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative](#) of the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total	1202	±3 percentage points
Party Identification		
Democrats	383	±6 percentage points
Republicans	316	±6 percentage points
Independents	339	±6 percentage points
Insurance Status		
Insured, ages 18-64	745	±4 percentage points
Uninsured, ages 18-64	106	±10 percentage points

All trends shown in this document come from Kaiser Health Tracking Polls except:

08/13 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *Global Health Survey* (August 6 -20, 2013)

02/12 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *Global Health Survey* (February 2-12, 2012)

01/11: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 112th Congress* (January 4-14, 2011)

08/10 GH: Kaiser Family Foundation *Global Health Survey* (August 3-16, 2010)

10/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Global Health Survey* (October 21-28, 2009)

03/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *HIV/Global Health Survey* (January 26-March 8, 2009)

1. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks if the health reform law refers to the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, please answer “yes”] (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/ Refused
12/15	19	21	13	33	14
11/15	19	19	17	28	17
10/15	21	21	15	27	16
09/15	21	20	15	30	14
08/15	23	21	16	25	14
06/29/15	23	20	13	27	17
06/09/15	19	20	16	26	19
04/15	22	21	15	27	14
03/15	22	19	15	28	16
01/15	19	21	16	30	15
12/14	18	23	16	30	14
11/14	18	19	16	30	18
10/14	16	20	16	27	20
09/14	15	20	15	32	19
07/14	15	22	18	35	11
06/14	19	20	15	30	16
05/14	19	19	12	33	17
04/14	19	19	16	30	16
03/14	18	20	14	32	15
02/14	16	19	14	33	18
01/14	17	17	15	35	16
12/13	17	17	12	36	18
11/13	15	18	13	36	18
10/13	21	17	13	31	18
09/13	20	19	13	30	17
08/13	17	20	14	28	20
06/13	15	20	13	30	23
04/13	16	19	12	28	24
03/13	17	20	13	27	23
02/13	18	18	13	29	23
11/12	19	24	12	27	19
10/12	20	18	14	29	19
09/12	25	20	12	28	14
08/12	21	17	13	30	19
07/12	20	18	13	31	17
06/12	25	16	11	30	18
05/12	17	20	12	32	19
04/12	20	22	9	34	15
03/12	18	23	11	29	19
02/12	17	25	16	27	15
01/12	18	19	14	30	19
12/11 ¹	19	22	15	28	17
11/11	17	20	15	29	19
10/11	12	22	20	31	15
09/11	18	23	14	29	16
08/11	16	23	17	27	17
07/11	20	22	12	31	15
06/11	15	27	16	30	12
05/11	19	23	15	29	14
04/11	20	21	14	27	18

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¹ May 2010 through December 2011 trend wording was “As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law early last year...”

Q.1 continued

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/Refused
03/11	21	21	15	31	13
02/11	16	27	19	29	8
01/11	19	22	16	34	9
12/10	22	20	14	27	18
11/10	19	23	12	28	18
10/10	18	24	15	29	15
09/10	19	30	15	25	11
08/10	19	24	13	32	12
07/10	21	29	10	25	14
06/10	20	28	16	25	10
05/10	14	27	12	32	14
04/10 ²	23	23	10	30	14

2. What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law? Expand what the law does, move forward with implementing the law as it is, scale back what the law does, (or) repeal the entire law? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	Expand law	Implement law as is	Scale back law	Repeal law	(VOL.) None/Other	Don't know/Refused
12/15	22	18	14	35	4	7
11/15	26	16	12	30	6	10
10/15	28	16	11	32	5	7
09/15	25	18	11	31	5	9
08/15	28	22	12	28	4	5
06/29/15	25	22	12	27	5	7
06/09/15	24	19	12	29	7	10
04/15	24	22	12	29	5	8
03/15	23	23	10	30	7	7
01/15	23	19	14	32	5	7
12/14	24	21	12	31	4	7
11/14	22	20	17	29	5	8

3. Do you think Congress should (repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative) or should they (repeal the law and not replace it)?

Based on those who say Congress should repeal the health care law

	12/15	10/15	09/15	08/15
Repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative	30	32	34	44
Repeal the law and not replace it	46	45	43	40
None of these/Something else (VOL.)	16	16	17	12
Don't know/Refused	7	7	7	4
	(n=436)	(n=407)	(n=405)	(n=364)

² April 2010 trend wording was “[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)”

Summary Q2 and Q3 based on total

	12/15	10/15	09/15	08/15
Repeal the entire law	35	32	31	28
Repeal and replace with a Republican-sponsored alternative	11	10	11	12
Repeal and not replace	16	15	13	11
None/Something else (VOL.)	6	5	5	3
Don't know/Refused	3	2	2	1
Expand what the law does	22	28	25	28
Move forward with implementing the law as it is	18	16	18	22
Scale back what the law does	14	11	11	12
None/Something else (VOL.)	4	5	5	4
Don't know/Refused	7	7	9	5

4. So far, would you say the health care law has directly (helped) you and your family, directly (hurt) you and your family, or has it not had a direct impact? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES)

	Helped	Hurt	No direct impact	Both helped and hurt (VOL.)	Don't know/Refused
12/15	17	29	51	1	1
06/29/15	19	24	53	1	2
06/09/15	19	24	54	1	2
04/15	19	22	56	1	2
03/15	19	22	57	*	2
01/15	16	25	57	1	1
11/14	16	24	59	*	1
10/14	16	26	56	1	1
09/14	14	27	56	1	1
07/14	15	28	56	*	1
05/14	14	24	60	*	2

5. What would you say is the MAIN way the health care law has helped you and your family? Has it... (READ LIST, RANDOMIZE 1-3, KEEP 4 ALWAYS LAST)

Based on those who say the health care law has helped or both helped and hurt them

	12/15	03/15	11/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Allowed someone in your family to get or keep health coverage	45	46	40	42	46	36
Lowered your health care or health insurance costs	16	19	19	18	12	19
Made it easier for you to get the health care you need	31	27	29	29	25	26
OR has it helped in some other way?	4	3	6	6	6	14
Don't know/Refused	3	5	6	5	10	5
	(n=220)	(n=264)	(n=219)	(n=224)	(n=220)	(n=203)

6. What would you say is the MAIN way the health care law has hurt you and your family? Has it... (READ LIST, RANDOMIZE 1-3, KEEP 4 ALWAYS LAST)

Based on those who say the health care law has hurt or both helped and hurt them

	12/15	03/15	11/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Caused someone in your family to lose their insurance	8	10	7	7	10	8
Increased your health care or health insurance costs	67	62	62	58	59	60
Made it more difficult for you to get the health care you need	18	17	16	20	18	12
OR has it hurt in some other way?	6	10	12	11	10	18
Don't know/Refused	1	2	3	4	3	2
	(n=354)	(n=357)	(n=360)	(n=402)	(n=422)	(n=385)

Summary of Q4, Q5, and Q6 based on total

	12/15	03/15	11/14	09/14	07/14	05/14
Helped/Both helped and hurt	18	19	16	15	15	15
Allowed someone in your family to get or keep health coverage	8	9	6	6	7	5
Lowered your health care costs	3	4	3	3	2	3
Made it easier for you to get the health care you need	6	5	5	4	4	4
Helped in some other way	1	1	1	1	1	2
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1	2	1
Hurt/Both helped and hurt	30	22	24	28	28	24
Caused someone in your family to lose their insurance	3	2	2	2	3	2
Increased your health care costs	20	14	15	16	17	14
Made it more difficult for you to get the health care you need	5	4	4	6	5	3
Hurt in some other way	2	2	3	3	3	4
Don't know/Refused	*	*	1	1	1	1
No direct impact	51	57	59	56	56	60
Don't know/Refused	1	2	1	1	1	2

7. In the past 6 months, have you been personally contacted by anyone about signing up for health insurance or Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME] through a phone call, email, text message, or door to door visit, or not?

	Yes, been contacted	No, have not been contacted	Don't know/Refused
12/15	19	81	1
10/15 ³	11	89	*
01/15	14	85	1
12/14	12	87	*
11/14	15	85	*
10/14	14	86	1
03/14	12	88	1
02/14	13	87	*
09/13	9	91	*
08/13	10	90	*

8. As you may know, the health care law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or else pay a fine. Do you happen to know the deadline for individuals to sign-up for health insurance? (OPEN-ENDED, DO NOT READ CATEGORIES. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

	12/15	01/15 ⁴	12/14
End of the year, 2015	19	--	17
January 31st 2016, end of January, or just "January"	7	15	4
Some other time in 2016	3	13	19
2017 or later	*	1	1
Deadline already passed	8	17	5
There is no deadline	*	1	1
Don't know/Refused	62	53	54

³ August 2013 through October 2015 trend wording was "In the past 6 months, have you been personally contacted by anyone about the health care law through a phone call, email, text message, or door to door visit, or not?"

⁴ January 2015 and December 2014 response categories were: February 15th 2015, middle of February, or "February"; Some other time in 2015; 2016 or later; Deadline already passed; and There is no deadline. Dec 2014 also included a category for End of the year, 2014.

9. Now, please tell me if you favor or oppose having a national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance through an expanded, universal form of Medicare-for-all? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?)

	12/15	07/09 ⁵
Favor (NET)	58	58
Strongly favor	34	34
Somewhat favor	24	24
Oppose (NET)	34	38
Somewhat oppose	10	13
Strongly oppose	25	25
Don't know/Refused	8	3

10. Thinking about how this issue might affect your vote for president in 2016, would you say a candidate's support for a universal form of Medicare-for all will be: (READ IN ORDER)

Based on those who favor Medicare-for-all (n=663)

	12/15
The single most important factor in your vote	5
Very important, but not the most important factor	35
One of many factors you'll consider	48
Not an important factor in your vote	10
Don't plan to vote (VOL.)	2
Don't know/Refused	1

Summary of Q9 and Q10 based on total

	12/15
Favor Medicare-for-all (NET)	58
The single most important factor in your vote	3
Very important, but not the most important factor	20
One of many factors you'll consider	28
Not an important factor in your vote	6
Don't plan to vote (VOL.)	1
Don't know/ Refused	1
Oppose Medicare-for-all (NET)	34
Don't know/Refused	8

⁵ July 2009 trend was asked of Form A Half Sample (n=609) as part of a list question with multiple items. Question wording was "Now I'm going to read you some different ways to increase the number of Americans covered by health insurance."

READ TO ALL: On another topic...

11. Next, please tell me how closely you have followed these stories that have been in the news recently. (First/Next,) (INSERT--READ AND RANDOMIZE). READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Did you follow this story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

		Closely (NET)	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not closely (NET)	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Don't know/Refused
a. Rising prescription drug costs	12/15	44	21	23	55	20	35	1
	10/15	49	25	24	51	25	25	*
b. The 2016 presidential campaigns	12/15	71	35	36	28	15	14	1
	11/15	74	39	35	25	15	10	1
	10/15	67	36	31	32	18	14	1
	09/15	74	40	34	25	12	13	1
	08/15	69	33	36	31	17	13	1
	06/29/15	54	22	32	45	22	22	1
	06/09/15	55	25	31	43	18	26	1
c. The merger between pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and Allergan	12/15	23	8	15	76	22	54	1
d. The Supreme Court's decision to hear a case about a Texas law that requires abortion clinics to meet the same standards as hospital-style surgical centers	12/15	32	12	20	67	20	47	1
	10/14 ⁶	29	10	19	70	23	47	1
e. Deadly shooting at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado	12/15	68	31	37	31	16	15	1
f. Terrorist attacks in Paris	12/15	84	48	36	16	10	6	*
g. Protests in Chicago following the release of a video showing a police officer fatally shooting a Black teen	12/15	66	28	38	34	17	17	*
h. Climate change conference in Paris	12/15	41	17	24	58	21	37	1

READ TO ALL: On another topic,

12. I would like you to think about the role the U.S. should play in trying to solve international problems. Do you think the U.S. should take the leading role in world affairs... take a major role, but not the leading role... take a minor role... or take no role at all in world affairs?

	12/15	02/12 GH
Leading role	18	17
Major role	47	43
Minor role	24	26
No role	9	11
Don't know/Refused	2	3

⁶ October 2014 trend for this item was "An appeals court decision upholding a Texas law that requires abortion clinics to meet the same standards as hospital-style surgical centers".

13. Just your best guess, what percentage of the federal budget is spent on foreign aid?
(OPEN-END, RECORD PERCENTAGE BETWEEN 0 AND 100)

	12/15	12/14	08/13 GH	02/12 GH	03/09
0-1%	3	5	4	5	3
2-5%	10	12	12	11	16
6-10%	11	13	13	13	9
11-20%	16	14	15	17	13
21-30%	15	12	14	12	9
31-40%	10	7	7	10	4
41-50%	7	5	8	7	7
Over 50%	15	10	12	11	8
Don't know/Refused	13	22	17	13	31

14. Have you ever heard of the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations, or not?

	12/15
Yes	20
No	79
Don't know/Refused	1

15. Would you say you know a lot, a fair amount, only a little, or almost nothing about the UN's Sustainable Development Goals?

Based on those who have heard of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (n=269)

	12/15
A lot	6
A fair amount	25
Only a little	52
Almost nothing	15
Don't know/ Refused	2

Summary of Q14 and Q15 based on total

	12/15
Ever heard of UN's Sustainable Development Goals	20
Know a lot	1
Know a fair amount	5
Know only a little	10
Know almost nothing	3
Don't know/Refused	*
Never heard of UN's Sustainable Development Goals	79
Don't know/Refused	1

16. Would you say the following are doing ENOUGH or NOT DOING ENOUGH to improve health for people in developing countries? (First/Next), how about... (INSERT ITEMS – RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS)? READ IF NECESSARY: Are they doing enough or not doing enough to improve health for people in developing countries?

		Doing enough	Not doing enough	(VOL.) Should not be involved	Don't know/ Refused	N
<i>Items a, c, e, g based on Form A half sample</i>						
<i>Items b, d, f based on Form B half sample</i>						
a. The U.S. government	12/15	53	39	1	7	597
	03/09	51	35	3	12	625
b. The governments of developed nations other than the U.S., such as England, France, Italy, Germany, and Japan	12/15	28	51	*	20	605
	03/09	18	58	*	24	609
c. The United Nations	12/15	28	54	1	16	597
	03/09	29	56	1	14	625
d. International nonprofit organizations and foundations	12/15	46	37	1	15	605
	03/09	46	34	*	19	609
e. Large international businesses and corporations	12/15	23	64	1	11	597
	03/09	17	67	2	14	625
f. The World Health Organization	12/15	42	42	1	15	605
	03/09	34	41	*	25	609
g. Religious or faith-based organizations	12/15	51	36	1	12	597

17. Do you think the U.S. is now spending [ROTATE: (too much), (too little)], or about the right amount on efforts to improve health for people in developing countries?

	12/15	12/14	08/13 GH	02/12 GH	08/10 GH	10/09	3/09
Too much	30	26	30	21	28	25	23
Too little	26	27	31	32	23	34	26
About the right amount	34	36	30	34	42	32	39
Don't know/Refused	9	11	9	12	7	9	12

18. Next, thinking about the “bang for the buck” of U.S. spending to improve health in developing countries, that is the number of lives saved relative to the money spent. Would you say the bang for the buck of this spending is excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	12/15	08/13 GH
Excellent	3	4
Good	18	21
Only fair	46	39
Poor	24	27
Don't know/Refused	10	10

19. Compared to other wealthier countries such as England, France, Germany, and Japan, do you think the U.S. contributes [ROTATE: (more) than its fair share, (less) than its fair share], or about its fair share to efforts to improve health in developing countries?

	12/15	08/13 GH	02/12 GH ⁷
More than its fair share	46	51	44
Less than its fair share	12	13	14
About its fair share	35	30	35
Don't know/Refused	6	6	6

20. Which comes closer to your opinion? When giving aid to improve health in developing countries... (READ AND ROTATE): [INTERVIEWER: PLEASE READ BOTH RESPONSE OPTIONS IN FULL BEFORE ACCEPTING ANSWER]

	12/15	08/13 GH	02/12 GH ⁸	08/10 GH	10/09
The U.S. should participate in international efforts, so other countries will do their fair share and efforts will be better coordinated	68	62	63	57	55
The U.S. should operate on its own, so the U.S. has more control over how the money is spent and gets more credit and influence in the country receiving aid	25	31	30	35	39
Both/Neither (VOL.)	4	4	4	6	n/a
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	2	3	2	6

21. In general, do you think more spending from the U.S. and other wealthier countries will lead to meaningful progress in improving health for people in developing countries, or that spending more money won't make much difference?

	12/15	08/13 GH	02/12 GH	08/10 GH	10/09	03/09
Spending more will lead to meaningful progress	38	44	49	46	51	40
Spending more money won't make much difference	55	53	47	49	43	51
Depends (VOL.)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5
Don't know/Refused	7	3	4	5	6	4

22. Do you think spending money on improving health in developing countries (INSERT ITEMS – RANDOMIZE), or does it not have much impact?

		Yes, helps	Does not have much impact	Don't know/Refused
a. Helps improve the U.S. image around the world	12/15	52	45	3
	12/14	57	41	2
	08/13 GH	54	45	2
	02/12 GH	58	39	2
b. Helps protect the health of Americans by preventing the spread of diseases like SARS, bird flu, swine flu, and Ebola	12/15	63	35	2
	12/14	69	29	2
	08/13 GH ⁹	68	31	1
	02/12 GH	70	28	2

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⁷ Modified trend wording was "Compared to other wealthier countries such as Canada, England, France, Germany and Japan..."

⁸ October 2009 through February 2012 GH trend wording was "When giving aid to improve health in developing countries... It is best for the U.S. to participate in international efforts, so that other countries will do their fair share and these efforts will be better coordinated (or) It is best for the U.S. to do so on its own, so that the U.S. has more control over how the money is spent and will get more credit and influence in the country receiving aid?" October 2009 GH trend was asked of Form B half sample (n=617).

⁹ February 2012 through August 2013 GH trend wording was "Helps protect the health of Americans by preventing the spread of diseases like SARS, bird flu, and swine flu".

Q.22 continued

		Yes, helps	Does not have much impact	Don't know/Refused
c. Helps the U.S. economy by improving the circumstances of people who can buy more U.S. goods	12/15	33	63	5
	12/14	36	59	4
	08/13 GH	37	59	3
	02/12 GH	42	53	4
d. Helps U.S. national security by lessening the threat of terrorism originating in developing countries	12/15	31	65	5
	12/14	37	58	5
	08/13 GH	38	59	3
	02/12 GH	45	52	4
e. Helps make people and communities in developing countries more self-sufficient	12/15	53	43	4

23. Next, I'm going to read you some reasons why the U.S. might spend money on improving health for people in developing countries, and I'd like you to tell me which you think is the MOST important reason. Here's the list... (READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-5. READ NUMBERS WITH THE OPTIONS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE RESPONDENT).

READ IF NECESSARY: Which of these do you think is the MOST important reason for the U.S. to spend money on improving health for people in developing countries?

	12/15	08/13 GH	02/12 GH	08/10 GH	03/09
Because it's the right thing to do	46	45	51	46	47
To help ensure U.S. national security	14	13	12	7	11
To improve our diplomatic relationships	14	15	11	16	8
To help the U.S. economy by creating new markets for U.S. businesses	11	15	12	12	17
To improve the U.S.'s image around the world	9	8	8	12	9
Other/None of these (VOL.)	4	3	4	2	3
Don't know/Refused	1	1	2	4	4

24. Now I will mention some things that may or may not be reasons why it has been difficult to improve health for people in developing countries. For each, please tell me if you think it is a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason. (First) what about... (INSERT ITEMS - RANDOMIZE)?

READ IF NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason (why it has been difficult to improve health for people in developing countries)?

		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know/Refused
a. Not enough money from the U.S. and other wealthier countries	12/15	34	41	21	4
	08/13 GH	26	42	29	3
	08/10 GH	29	44	25	3
	03/09	35	39	20	7

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Q.24 continued

		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know/Refused
b. Corruption and misuse of funds	12/15	79	14	5	2
	08/13 GH	83	11	4	2
	08/10 GH	82	12	3	2
	03/09	80	12	4	4
c. Lack of infrastructure and resources, such as hospitals and health providers	12/15	73	17	7	3
	08/13 GH ¹⁰	52	31	15	2
	08/10 GH	65	24	6	4
	03/09	63	27	6	3
d. Lack of effective programs	12/15	57	30	9	4
	08/13 GH	47	33	17	3
	08/10 GH	50	35	9	6
	03/09	57	31	8	4
e. Lack of political leadership	12/15	68	21	8	3
	08/13 GH	61	26	10	3
	08/10 GH	65	22	9	4
	03/09	66	24	8	3
f. Widespread poverty	12/15	72	17	9	3
	08/13 GH	67	20	11	2
	08/10 GH	69	21	7	3
	03/09	71	19	6	4

25. You said the following things were major reasons why it has been difficult to improve health for people in developing countries. Which of these do you think is the MOST important reason? (READ ITEMS RATED MAJOR REASONS IN SAME ORDER AS Q24)

24/25. Major/Most important Reason Combo Table based on total (includes those who said no item or only one item is a "major reason")

	12/15	08/13 GH	08/10 GH	03/09
Corruption and misuse of funds	44	47	53	46
Lack of infrastructure and resources	16	10	11	11
Lack of political leadership	15	14	12	11
Widespread poverty	11	14	12	13
Lack of effective programs	7	4	3	6
Not enough money from the U.S. and other wealthier countries	3	5	6	8
None of these is the most important reason (VOL.) ¹¹	3	5	3	4
Don't know/Refused	2	1	*	2

¹⁰ March 2009 through August 2013 GH trend wording for this item was "Lack of infrastructure and resources". March 2009 GH trend was asked of Form 2 half sample (n=1,234).

¹¹ Includes those who said no item is a 'major reason' in Q24.

READ TO ALL: As you may recall, there was an outbreak of the disease Ebola in West Africa last year...

26. How likely do you think it is that there will be another serious Ebola outbreak in Africa in the next 5 years? Very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	12/15
Likely (NET)	83
Very likely	41
Somewhat likely	42
Not Likely (NET)	15
Not too likely	12
Not at all likely	3
Don't know/Refused	2

27. How likely do you think it is that there will be an outbreak of a different disease that is as serious as the Ebola outbreak in Africa in the next 5 years? Very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	12/15
Likely (NET)	87
Very likely	44
Somewhat likely	42
Not Likely (NET)	11
Not too likely	9
Not at all likely	2
Don't know/Refused	3

28. How well prepared do you think the U.S. government is to respond to future disease outbreaks around the world – very well prepared, somewhat well prepared, not too well prepared, or not at all well prepared?

	12/15
Prepared (NET)	66
Very well prepared	16
Somewhat well prepared	50
Not Prepared (NET)	32
Not too well prepared	23
Not at all well prepared	10
Don't know/Refused	2

READ TO ALL: Now I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

- D5. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)
 D6. (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of... (READ LIST)

18-29	21
30-49	34
50-64	27
65 and older	18
Don't know/Refused	*

D4. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

Covered by health insurance	86
Not covered by health insurance	14
Don't know/Refused	*

D4a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/[INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]), or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,088)

Plan through your employer	38
Plan through your spouse's employer	11
Plan you purchased yourself	12
Medicare	17
Medicaid/[STATE-SPECIFIC MEDICAID NAME]	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through your parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	2

29. Did you purchase your plan directly from an insurance company, from the marketplace known as healthcare.gov (or [INSERT STATE-SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME]), or through an insurance agent or broker?

Based on those ages 18-64 who purchased own insurance plan (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary D4, D4a, Q29 based on those ages 18-64 (n=854)

	12/15
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	37
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan	10
Directly from an insurance company	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Through an insurance agent or broker	3
Somewhere else (VOL.)	*
Don't know/Refused	0
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

30. Regardless of how you purchased your plan, do you know if it is a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, is it NOT a marketplace or [healthcare.gov/INSERT STATE SPECIFIC MARKETPLACE NAME] plan, or are you not sure? (ENTER ONE ONLY)

Based on those who purchased own insurance plan except those who bought plan through marketplace (sample size insufficient to report)

Summary D4, D4a, Q29, and Q30 based on those ages 18-64 (n=854)

	12/15
Covered by health insurance	84
Employer	37
Spouse's employer	10
Self-purchased plan	10
Directly from insurance company/agent or broker/Other	6
Marketplace plan	1
Non-marketplace plan	2
Not sure/Refused	3
From healthcare.gov or [STATE MARKETPLACE NAME]	4
Medicare	5
Medicaid/State-specific Medicaid name	10
Somewhere else	3
Plan through parents/mother/father (VOL.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1
Not covered by health insurance	16
Don't know/Refused	*

31. Do you plan to get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE ONCE: We realize there is still some uncertainty, but if you had to say now, do you think you will get health insurance in the next few months, or do you think you will remain uninsured?)

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	Will get insurance	Remain uninsured	Don't know/Refused	N
12/15	55	40	4	106
11/15	55	40	5	112
10/15	49	44	6	102
04/15	55	42	4	111
03/15	51	44	5	133
01/15	56	39	5	149
12/14	57	35	8	131
11/14	49	41	10	154
10/14	59	38	3	145
02/14	49	44	7	137
01/14	50	40	10	173
11/13	58	34	8	151
08/13	58	32	10	178

Summary of D4 and Q31 based on those ages 18-64

	Covered	Not covered (NET)			DK/Ref.	Don't know/ Refused	N
		Not Covered (NET)	Will get insurance	Remain uninsured			
12/15	84	16	9	6	1	*	854
11/15	86	13	7	5	1	1	955
10/15	85	14	7	6	1	*	859
04/15	86	13	7	6	*	*	1,096
03/15	85	15	7	6	1	1	1,132
01/15	82	17	10	7	1	1	1,077
12/14	84	15	9	5	1	1	1,099
11/14	81	18	9	7	2	1	1,027
10/14	83	17	10	6	1	1	1,061
02/14	83	16	8	7	1	1	1,054
01/14	81	19	9	7	2	*	1,122
11/13	79	21	12	7	2	*	843
08/13	80	20	11	6	2	*	1,101

32. As you may know, the health care law requires nearly all Americans to have health insurance this year or else pay a fine. Which of the following comes closest to why you personally have not gotten health insurance this year? (READ AND ROTATE, ALWAYS KEEP ITEMS 3 AND 4 TOGETHER)

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured

	12/15	04/14
You would rather pay the fine than pay for health insurance	9	7
You don't think the requirement applies to you	13	14
You tried to get coverage but were unable	11	12
You tried to get coverage but it was too expensive (or)	46	36
You didn't know about the requirement to have health insurance	7	13
Plan to get coverage through employer (VOL.)	n/a	1
Unemployed/lost job (VOL.)	n/a	1
Some other reason (VOL.)	10	10
Respondent is in the process of signing up for insurance (VOL.)	3	1
Don't know/Refused	2	5
	(n=106)	(n=154)

Summary of D4 and Q32 based on those ages 18-64

	12/15	04/14
Covered by health insurance	84	83
Not covered by health insurance	16	17
You would rather pay the fine than pay for health insurance	1	1
You don't think the requirement applies to you	2	2
You tried to get coverage but were unable	2	2
You tried to get coverage but it was too expensive (or)	7	6
You didn't know about the requirement to have health insurance	1	2
Plan to get coverage through employer (VOL.)	n/a	*
Unemployed/lost job (VOL.)	n/a	*
Some other reason (VOL.)	2	2
Respondent is in the process of signing up for insurance (VOL.)	1	*
Don't know/Refused	*	1
Don't know/Refused	*	*
	(n=854)	(n=1,070)

33. How long have you been uninsured – less than three months, three months to less than a year, one year to less than two years, or 2 years or more?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=106)

	12/15
Less than 3 months	10
3 months to less than a year	26
1 year to less than 2 years	7
2 years or more	55
Don't know/Refused	2

Summary of D4 and Q33 based on those ages 18-64 (n=854)

	12/15
Covered by health insurance	84
Not covered by health insurance	16
Less than 3 months	2
3 months to less than a year	4
1 year to less than 2 years	1
2 years or more	9
Don't know/Refused	*
Don't know/Refused	*

34. Do you think you are PERSONALLY required to have health insurance this year, or does this requirement not apply to you?

Based on those ages 18-64 who are uninsured (n=106)

	12/15
Yes, required to have health insurance	65
No, requirement does not apply	27
Don't know/Refused	8

Summary of D4 and Q34 based on those ages 18-64 (n=854)

	12/15
Covered by health insurance	84
Not covered by health insurance	16
Personally required to have health insurance this year	10
Requirement does not apply	4
Don't know/Refused	1
Don't know/Refused	*

- D1. Record respondent's sex

Male	49
Female	51

- D2. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent/very good/good (NET)	80
Excellent	26
Very good	27
Good	27
Only fair/poor (NET)	19
Only fair	14
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	*

D2b. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Married	46
Living with a partner	10
Widowed	6
Divorced	9
Separated	3
Never been married	24
Don't know/Refused	1

D3. What best describes your employment situation today? (READ IN ORDER)

Employed full-time	46
Employed part-time	11
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	5
Unemployed and not seeking employment	1
A student	8
Retired	16
On disability and can't work	7
Or, a homemaker or stay at home parent	5
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

Republican	25
Democrat	31
Independent	27
Or what/Other/None/No preference/Other party	12
Don't know/Refused	5

D8a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS D8)

Summary D8 and D8a based on total

Republican/Lean Republican	38
Democrat/Lean Democratic	46
Other/Don't lean/Don't know	17

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Democrat	31
Independent Lean Democratic	14
Independent/Don't lean	16
Independent Lean Republican	13
Republican	25
Undesignated	1

D8b. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	23
Moderate	36
Conservative	36
Don't know/Refused	5

D9.	Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?	
	Yes	76
	No	24
	Don't know/Refused	1
35.	What is your religion – Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?	
	Protestant (includes Baptist, Christian, Episcopalian, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.)	47
	Roman Catholic/Catholic	23
	Jewish	2
	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) (VOL.)	2
	Orthodox Church (Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, etc.) (VOL.)	1
	Islam/Muslim (VOL.)	*
	Buddhist (VOL.)	1
	Hindu (VOL.)	1
	Other religion	2
	No religion/atheist/agnostic	19
	Don't know/Refused	3
36.	Do you think of yourself as Christian, or not?	
37.	Do you happen to be a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?	
	<u>Summary of Q35, Q36, and Q37 Based on Total</u>	
	Total Protestant/Catholic/Mormon/Orthodox/Christian	75
	Born-Again/Evangelical	25
	Not Born-Again/Evangelical	48
	Don't know/Refused	2
	Jewish/Muslim/Hindu/Buddhist/Other religion (non-Christian)	5
	No religion/Atheist/Agnostic	19
	Don't know/Refused	2
38.	How often do you attend religious services?	
	<i>Based on those who have a religious preference (n=992)</i>	
	More than once a week	14
	Once a week	27
	A few times a month	19
	A few times a year	26
	Never	12
	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2
39.	How important is religion in your everyday life? Is it the most important thing in your life, very important, but not the most important thing, somewhat important, or not too important?	
	The most important thing in your life	25
	Very important, but not the most important	34
	Somewhat important	19
	Not too important	17
	Not at all important (VOL.)	4
	Don't know/Refused	1

D11. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (DO NOT READ)

Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	3
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	6
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	31
Some college, no degree (includes some community college)	19
Two year associate degree from a college/university	13
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree	16
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	1
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	11
Don't know/Refused	*

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	64
Total non-White	33
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	12
Hispanic	15
Asian, non-Hispanic	4
Other/Mixed race, non-Hispanic	3
Undesignated	3

D12a. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

U.S.	87
Puerto Rico	1
Another country	12
Don't know/Refused	*

40. Were either of your parents born in another country, or were both your parents born in the United States?

Based on those who were born in the U.S. (n=1,067)

Yes, at least one parent was born in another country	19
No, both parents were born in the U.S.	81
Don't know/Refused	*

41. Do you have any close friends or family members living in another country?

Yes	37
No	62
Don't know/Refused	1

D14. Last year—that is, in 2014—what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	16
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	4
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	15
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12

END OF INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.



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