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MANY WANT CHANGES TO THE HEALTH CARE LAW BUT FEW SUPPORT ITS IMMEDIATE REPEAL

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1,036 adults

Margin of error: 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

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Q1. In general, do you support, oppose, or neither support nor oppose the Affordable Care Act, the health care reforms that were passed by Congress in March of 2010, also known as Obamacare?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Strongly/Somewhat support NET	50
Strongly support	28
Somewhat support	22
Neither support nor oppose	15
Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET	35
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	23
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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If strongly or somewhat support in Q1...

Q2. Please tell me whether each of the following is an extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or a not at all important reason that you support the health care law.

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017	Not at all/ Not very important NET	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very/ extremely important NET	Very important	Extremely important	DK/ REF
The law decreases the number of Americans without health insurance	2	1	1	9	88	41	47	1
The law helps low income families and the poor	1	1	1	6	92	40	52	-
The law makes health insurance more affordable	1	*	*	9	90	37	53	*
The law prohibits insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history	2	1	2	7	90	34	57	*
The law allows adult children to remain on their parents' insurance until they are 26	10	4	6	19	71	36	35	-

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If strongly or somewhat oppose in Q1...

Q3. Please tell me whether each of the following is an extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or a not at all important reason that you oppose the health care law.

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017	Not at all/ Not very important NET	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very/ extremely important NET	Very important	Extremely important	DK/ REF
The law gives government too big of a role in the health care system	5	4	2	13	80	34	46	1
The law has increased the out-of-pocket health care costs for some individuals	1	1	*	9	91	29	62	-
The law doesn't go far enough in expanding coverage	30	15	15	24	43	20	24	3
The government is spending too much on health care	14	7	7	20	64	32	31	2
The law requires that nearly all Americans have to have health insurance or pay a fine	15	6	9	13	71	23	48	2

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Q4. Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Strongly/Somewhat favor NET	38
Strongly favor	19
Somewhat favor	19
Neither favor nor oppose	22
Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET	39
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	25
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N= 1,036

If strongly or somewhat favor in Q4...

Q5. Would you favor or oppose a single payer health care system if that meant large increases in government spending?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Strongly/Somewhat favor NET	62
Strongly favor	30
Somewhat favor	32
Neither favor nor oppose	16
Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET	20
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	8
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N= 415

Q6. Which comes closer to your opinion about what President-elect Donald Trump and the next Congress should do when it comes to the 2010 health care law, also known as Obamacare?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Keep it in place	53
Repeal it	46
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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If keep it in place in Q6...

Q7. Do you think the health care law should be kept as it is now or do you think changes are needed to make the law work better?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Kept as it is now	23
Kept with changes	76
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	561

If repeal in Q6...

Q8. Do you think the health care law should be repealed immediately or do you think it should be repealed when a replacement is ready?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Repealed immediately	34
Repealed when a replacement is ready	66
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	-
<i>N=</i>	467

Combined Q6, Q7 and Q8

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Keep it in place	53
Kept as it is now	12
Kept with changes	40
Repeal it	46
Repealed immediately	16
Repealed with a replacement is ready	31
DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	1,036

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[SPLIT SAMPLE – HALF SAMPLE ASKED Q9, OTHER HALF ASKED Q10]

Q9. Here are some elements of the 2010 health care law, known as Obamacare. Please tell me if you favor or oppose including each of the following in a U.S. health care law:

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017	Favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK/ REF
Requiring that nearly all Americans have health insurance or pay a fine	36	15	21	13	50	17	34	*
Prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history	72	50	21	8	20	9	11	-
Allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26	75	45	30	11	15	8	7	-
Paying for benefits by increasing the Medicare payroll tax on earnings for upper-income Americans	53	29	24	19	27	13	15	1
Requiring employers with 50 or more employees to pay a fine if they don't offer insurance	60	34	26	15	24	10	14	1
Eliminating out-of-pocket costs for many preventive services such as annual check-ups and cholesterol screenings	77	54	24	10	12	8	4	1
Requiring private health insurance plans to cover the full cost of birth control	66	41	24	14	20	9	11	1
Expanding the Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults	67	39	27	16	16	9	7	1

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Q10. Please tell me if you favor or oppose including each of the following in a U.S. health care law:

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AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017	Favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK/ REF
Requiring that nearly all Americans have health insurance or pay a fine	31	14	17	15	54	20	33	1
Prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history	67	50	17	7	25	8	17	*
Allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26	71	48	23	14	14	9	6	*
Paying for benefits by increasing the Medicare payroll tax on earnings for upper-income Americans	54	30	24	17	29	13	16	*
Requiring employers with 50 or more employees to pay a fine if they don't offer insurance	63	35	28	16	20	10	11	*
Eliminating out-of-pocket costs for many preventive services such as annual check-ups and cholesterol screenings	78	56	21	13	10	6	4	*
Requiring private health insurance plans to cover the full cost of birth control	55	37	18	20	24	9	15	*
Expanding the Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults	65	39	26	17	17	9	8	*

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Combined Q9 and Q10.

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AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017	Favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK/ REF
Requiring that nearly all Americans have health insurance or pay a fine	33	15	19	14	52	19	34	*
Prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history	69	50	19	8	23	9	14	*
Allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26	73	46	27	12	15	8	6	*
Paying for benefits by increasing the Medicare payroll tax on earnings for upper-income Americans	53	29	24	18	28	13	15	1
Requiring employers with 50 or more employees to pay a fine if they don't offer insurance	62	34	27	16	22	10	12	1
Eliminating out-of-pocket costs for many preventive services such as annual check-ups and cholesterol screenings	77	55	22	11	11	7	4	*
Requiring private health insurance plans to cover the full cost of birth control	60	39	21	17	22	9	13	1
Expanding the Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults	66	39	27	17	17	9	8	1

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Q11. If the 2010 health care law, known as Obamacare, is repealed, how concerned are you that many Americans will lose their health insurance?

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Extremely/Very concerned NET	56
Extremely concerned	33
Very concerned	23
Somewhat concerned	27
Not very/not at all concerned NET	17
Not very concerned	10
Not at all concerned	6
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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Q12. If the health care law is repealed, do you think most Americans will be better off or worse off, or will it not make much difference?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
A lot/Somewhat better off NET	26
A lot better off	11
Somewhat better off	15
Not much difference	23
A lot/Somewhat worse off NET	49
Somewhat worse off	23
A lot worse off	26
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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Q13. As a result of the health care law, do you think each of these are better off or worse off, or has it not made much difference?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017	Better off NET	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	Not much difference	Worse off NET	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	DK/ REF
Average Americans	40	14	26	25	33	20	13	1
You and your family	27	12	15	46	26	15	10	1
Women	44	17	27	31	24	13	11	2
Lower income families	53	28	25	18	28	14	14	1
Small businesses	26	9	17	31	41	24	16	3
Health care providers	36	15	22	32	29	17	12	2

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D1. Are you now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Yes, I am covered by health insurance or a health plan	90
No, I do not have health insurance	9
Don't know	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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If yes, covered by health insurance or a health plan in D1...

D2. Which of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
A plan through your employer	36
A plan through your spouse's employer	13
A plan you purchased yourself directly from an insurance company	4
Health insurance marketplace	4
Medicare	24
Medicaid	6
Some other source	13
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate or conservative?

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Liberal	24
Moderate	44
Conservative	30
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,036</i>

If liberal in D3...

D4. Do you consider yourself to be:

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Extremely liberal	20
Very liberal	42
Somewhat liberal	38
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>260</i>

If conservative in D3...

D5. Do you consider yourself to be:

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Extremely conservative	13
Very conservative	38
Somewhat conservative	48
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>292</i>

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PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

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Democrat	34
Republican	22
Independent	26
None of these	17
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	1,036

If Democrat in PID1...

PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a moderate Democrat?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Strong Democrat	38
Moderate Democrat	62
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	-
<i>N=</i>	369

If Republican in PID1...

PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or a moderate Republican?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Strong Republican	35
Moderate Republican	65
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	-
<i>N=</i>	230

If Independent, None of these, or Don't Know/Skip/Refused in PID1...

PIDi. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Lean Democrat	34
Lean Republican	29
Don't lean	36
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	437

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POLITICS. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDa, and PIDb.

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Democrat NET	49
Strong Democrat	13
Moderate Democrat	21
Lean Democrat	15
Independent/None – Don't lean	16
Republican NET	35
Lean Republican	13
Moderate Republican	14
Strong Republican	8
Unknown	*

N=

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DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Urban area	26
Suburban area	48
Rural area	24
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=

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AGE

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18-24	12
25-34	19
35-44	13
45-54	18
55-64	18
65-74	12
75+	7

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GENDER

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Male	48
Female	52

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RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
White	64
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	8

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MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Married	48
Widowed	6
Divorced	12
Separated	1
Never married	25
Living with partner	8

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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Employed	58
Not employed	42

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EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Less than a high school diploma	12
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	25
College graduate or above	35
<i>N</i> =	1,036

INCOME

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017
Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	17
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	7
<i>N</i> =	1,036

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Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from NORC at the University of Chicago. Data were collected using AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC at the University of Chicago’s probability based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face to face).

Interviews for this survey were conducted between January 12 and 16, 2017, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,036 completed the survey—814 via the web and 222 via telephone. The final stage completion rate is 31.1 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 34.3 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 94.4 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 10.1 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-coverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and household phone status. The weighted data, which reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over, were used for all analyses.

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