



Interviews with 1,136 adult Americans, including an oversample of African-Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on July 31-August 3, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 226 interviews among African-Americans (plus or minus 6.5 percentage points) and 773 non-Hispanic whites (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

Columns in this document labeled "Whites" show results only for respondents who described themselves as white in a question on racial background and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. Columns in this document labeled "Blacks" refer to all respondents who described themselves as black or African-American regardless of their ethnic background.

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27. From everything you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's plan to reform health care?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Favor	50%	51%
Oppose	45%	45%
No opinion	5%	4%

FOR COMPARISON:
CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<i>Bill Clinton</i>			
1994 Jul 15-17	40%	55%	5%
1994 Jun 25-28	43%	49%	8%
1994 May 20-22	46%	49%	5%
1994 Apr 16-18	43%	47%	10%
1994 Mar 28-30	44%	47%	9%
1994 Feb 26-28	46%	48%	6%
1994 Jan 28-30	57%	38%	5%
1994 Jan 15-17	56%	38%	6%
1993 Nov 19-21	52%	41%	7%
1993 Nov 2-4	52%	40%	8%
1993 Oct 28-30	45%	45%	10%
1993 Sep 24-26	59%	33%	8%
1993 Sep 10-12*	54%	31%	14%

*WORDING: From what you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Bill Clinton's ideas about reforming health care?

27. From everything you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's plan to reform health care?

28. (IF FAVOR) Do you favor that plan strongly or only moderately?

29. (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose that plan strongly or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 27, 28 AND 29 COMBINED

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>
Favor strongly	23%
Favor only moderately	27%
Oppose only moderately	12%
Oppose strongly	33%
No opinion	5%

30. If your member of Congress came to your community and held a town hall meeting or some other public forum where voters got a chance to speak, how likely is it that you would attend that event to tell your member of Congress what you think about health care? Would you be very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all to do that?

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2009

Very likely	41%
Somewhat likely	30%
Not very likely	16%
Not likely at all	13%
No opinion	*

31. From what you know of the health care proposals which Obama supports, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

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Those proposals would help you and your family if they became law	30%
Those proposals would help other families in this country, but would not help you and your family	44%
Those proposals would not help anyone in the country	20%
No opinion	6%

32. In any health care system, someone must make tough decisions that affect individual patients, such as which patients get certain treatments, when they get treated, and which treatments are ineffective or too expensive. If you had to choose, would you rather have those decisions made by people who work for insurance companies, or people who work for the government?

July 31-Aug. 3
2009

Insurance companies	40%
Government	40%
Mixed/both equal (vol.)	7%
No opinion	13%

33. Do you think it is or is not necessary to make major structural changes in the nation's health care system in order to make sure that all Americans have health insurance? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

July 31-Aug. 3
2009

Necessary	77%
Not necessary	21%
No opinion	1%

34. Do you think it is or is not necessary to make major structural changes in the nation's health care system in order to reduce health care costs? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 521 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

July 31-Aug. 3
2009

Necessary	74%
Not necessary	23%
No opinion	2%

35. We'd like to know how you feel about different aspects of health care for you and your family. Are you generally satisfied, or dissatisfied with each of the following: (RANDOM ORDER)

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 2-4 <u>2007</u>
The quality of health care you receive			
Satisfied	83%	82%	79%
Dissatisfied	16%	17%	20%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%
Your health insurance coverage			
Satisfied	74%	73%	69%
Dissatisfied	23%	26%	30%
No opinion	3%	1%	2%

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	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u><i>The quality of the health care you receive</i></u> 1993 May 10-12	81	17	2
<u><i>Your health insurance coverage</i></u> 1993 May 10-12	70	25	5

* QUESTION WORDING: Now, thinking about health care in the country as a whole, are you generally satisfied, or dissatisfied, with ...

47. Which of the following statements best describes you?

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2009

You have health insurance provided by a private insurance company	58%
You are covered by Medicare	18%
You are covered by Medicaid	6%
You have no health coverage at all	12%
Other (vol.)	4%
No opinion	2%