# CNN OPINION RESEARCH POLL

**Interviews with 1,008 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 17-19, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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24.     As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law earlier this year.  Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?

|  | Dec. 17-19 2010 | Aug. 6-10 2010 | Mar. 19-21 2010 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 40% | 39% |
| Oppose | 54% | 56% | 59% |
| No opinion | 3% | 4% | 2% |

**QUESTION WORDING PRIOR TO AUGUST 2010:** *As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate are trying to pass final legislation that would make major changes in the country's health care system.  Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?*

24.     As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law earlier this year.  Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?
25.     (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose that legislation because you think its approach toward health care is too liberal, or because you think it is not liberal enough?

QUESTIONS 24 AND 25 COMBINED

|  | Dec. 17-19 2010 | Aug. 6-10 2010 | Mar 19-21 2010 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Favor (from Question 19) | 43% | 40% | 39% |
| Oppose, too liberal | 37% | 41% | 43% |
| Oppose, not liberal enough | 13% | 13% | 13% |
| No opinion | 7% | 6% | 5% |

26.     Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill.  Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one:  (RANDOM ORDER)

|  | Favor | Oppose | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Requiring all Americans who do not have health insurance to get it** | | | |
| December 17-19, 2010 | 38% | 60% | 2% |
| | | | |
| August 6-10, 2010 | 44% | 56% | 1% |
| February 12-15, 2010 | 45% | 53% | 1% |
| November 13-15, 2009* | 49% | 49% | 1% |
| | | | |
| **Preventing health insurance companies from dropping coverage for people who become seriously ill** | | | |
| December 17-19, 2010 | 61% | 39% | * |
| | | | |
| August 6-10, 2010 | 59% | 41% | * |
| February 12-15, 2010 | 62% | 38% | * |
| November 13-15, 2009* | 60% | 39% | * |
| | | | |
| **Preventing health insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions** | | | |
| December 17-19, 2010 | 64% | 35% | 1% |
| | | | |
| August 6-10, 2010 | 58% | 42% | 1% |
| February 12-15, 2010 | 58% | 42% | 1% |
| November 13-15, 2009* | 60% | 40% | 1% |

* Asked of half sample.

***QUESTION WORDING PRIOR TO AUGUST 2010:*** *Now here are a few provisions that the U.S. House and Senate might consider.  Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one.*

Question 24

As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law earlier this year. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?

Base = Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 43% | 43% | 39% | 55% |
| Oppose | 54% | 54% | 54% | 58% | 42% |
| No opinion | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-8.0 |

|  | Total | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | N/A | 40% | 46% | 40% | 43% | 44% |
| Oppose | 54% | N/A | 57% | 52% | 55% | 54% | 53% |
| No opinion | 3% | N/A | 3% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 3% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 |  | +/-7.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |

|  | Total | Under $50K | $50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 46% | 42% | 42% | 44% |
| Oppose | 54% | 51% | 55% | 55% | 52% |
| No opinion | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |

|  | Total | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 74% | 37% | 10% | 71% | 52% | 18% |
| Oppose | 54% | 23% | 59% | 89% | 23% | 45% | 80% |
| No opinion | 3% | 3% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 4% | 1% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 |

|  | Total | Northeast | Midwest | South | West | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 48% | 45% | 38% | 45% | 47% | 42% | 39% |
| Oppose | 54% | 46% | 52% | 60% | 52% | 50% | 54% | 57% |
| No opinion | 3% | 6% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 |

|  | Total | Tea Pty Support | Tea Pty Neutral | Tea Pty Oppose |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 9% | 40% | 79% |
| Oppose | 54% | 89% | 55% | 19% |
| No opinion | 3% | 2% | 5% | 2% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 |

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24/25

Q24. As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law earlier this year. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?
Q25. Do you oppose that legislation because you think its approach toward health care is too liberal, or because you think it is not liberal enough?

Base = Total Sample

| | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 43% | 43% | 39% | 55% |
| Oppose -- too liberal | 37% | 40% | 34% | 42% | 22% |
| Oppose -- not liberal enough | 13% | 10% | 15% | 11% | 18% |
| Oppose -- unsure | 4% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 1% |
| No opinion | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-8.0 |

| | Total | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | N/A | 40% | 46% | 40% | 43% | 44% |
| Oppose -- too liberal | 37% | N/A | 40% | 38% | 38% | 36% | 38% |
| Oppose -- not liberal enough | 13% | N/A | 14% | 10% | 9% | 15% | 10% |
| Oppose -- unsure | 4% | N/A | 3% | 4% | 8% | 3% | 5% |
| No opinion | 3% | N/A | 3% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 3% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | | +/-7.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |

| | Total | Under $50K | $50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 46% | 42% | 42% | 44% |
| Oppose -- too liberal | 37% | 26% | 47% | 33% | 41% |
| Oppose -- not liberal enough | 13% | 20% | 6% | 17% | 9% |
| Oppose -- unsure | 4% | 5% | 2% | 5% | 3% |
| No opinion | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |

| | Total | Demo-crat | Indep-endent | Repub-lican | Lib-eral | Mod-erate | Conser-vative |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 74% | 37% | 10% | 71% | 52% | 18% |
| Oppose -- too liberal | 37% | 12% | 37% | 77% | * | 29% | 69% |
| Oppose -- not liberal enough | 13% | 9% | 17% | 7% | 23% | 12% | 7% |
| Oppose -- unsure | 4% | 1% | 5% | 5% | * | 3% | 4% |
| No opinion | 3% | 3% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 4% | 1% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 |

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Question 24/25

Q24. As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law
     earlier this year. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally
     favor or generally oppose it?
Q25. Do you oppose that legislation because you think its approach toward health care is too liberal,
     or because you think it is not liberal enough?

Base = Total Sample

|  | Total | North east | Mid- west | South | West | Urban | Sub- urban | Rural |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 48% | 45% | 38% | 45% | 47% | 42% | 39% |
| Oppose -- too liberal | 37% | 29% | 35% | 43% | 38% | 33% | 38% | 40% |
| Oppose -- not liberal enough | 13% | 15% | 12% | 12% | 12% | 15% | 11% | 12% |
| Oppose -- unsure | 4% | 2% | 5% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 5% |
| No opinion | 3% | 6% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 |

|  | Total | Tea Pty Support | Tea Pty Neutral | Tea Pty Oppose |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 43% | 9% | 40% | 79% |
| Oppose -- too liberal | 37% | 72% | 33% | 11% |
| Oppose -- not liberal enough | 13% | 12% | 16% | 7% |
| Oppose -- unsure | 4% | 4% | 5% | 2% |
| No opinion | 3% | 2% | 5% | 2% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 |

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Question 26A

Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one:

A. Requiring all Americans who do not have health insurance to get it

Base = Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 38% | 31% | 45% | 36% | 46% |
| Oppose | 60% | 68% | 53% | 63% | 53% |
| No opinion | 2% | 1% | 3% | 2% | 1% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-8.0 |

|  | Total | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 38% | N/A | 33% | 38% | 38% | 38% | 38% |
| Oppose | 60% | N/A | 65% | 59% | 61% | 60% | 60% |
| No opinion | 2% | N/A | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 |  | +/-7.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |

|  | Total | Under $50K | $50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 38% | 40% | 36% | 41% | 36% |
| Oppose | 60% | 58% | 63% | 57% | 63% |
| No opinion | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |

|  | Total | Demo-crat | Indep-endent | Repub-lican | Lib-eral | Mod-erate | Conser-vative |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 38% | 54% | 34% | 22% | 57% | 44% | 21% |
| Oppose | 60% | 44% | 63% | 77% | 41% | 54% | 79% |
| No opinion | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 3% | 2% | 1% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 |

|  | Total | North east | Mid-west | South | West | Urban | Sub-urban | Rural |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 38% | 44% | 47% | 31% | 34% | 37% | 41% | 35% |
| Oppose | 60% | 53% | 51% | 68% | 64% | 62% | 57% | 64% |
| No opinion | 2% | 3% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 |

|  | Total | Tea Pty Support | Tea Pty Neutral | Tea Pty Oppose |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 38% | 19% | 37% | 58% |
| Oppose | 60% | 80% | 62% | 41% |
| No opinion | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 |

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Question 26B

Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one:

B. Preventing health insurance companies from dropping coverage for people who become seriously ill

Base = Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 61% | 59% | 63% | 64% | 53% |
| Oppose | 39% | 41% | 37% | 36% | 47% |
| No opinion | * | * | * | * | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-8.0 |

|  | Total | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 61% | N/A | 63% | 61% | 47% | 65% | 56% |
| Oppose | 39% | N/A | 37% | 39% | 52% | 35% | 44% |
| No opinion | * | N/A | * | * | 1% | * | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 |  | +/-7.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |

|  | Total | Under $50K | $50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 61% | 51% | 74% | 52% | 68% |
| Oppose | 39% | 49% | 26% | 48% | 32% |
| No opinion | * | * | * | * | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |

|  | Total | Demo-crat | Indep-endent | Repub-lican | Lib-eral | Mod-erate | Conser-vative |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 61% | 63% | 62% | 56% | 61% | 64% | 59% |
| Oppose | 39% | 37% | 38% | 44% | 39% | 36% | 41% |
| No opinion | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 |

|  | Total | North east | Mid-west | South | West | Urban | Sub-urban | Rural |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 61% | 59% | 61% | 60% | 65% | 62% | 61% | 59% |
| Oppose | 39% | 41% | 39% | 40% | 35% | 37% | 39% | 41% |
| No opinion | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 |

|  | Total | Tea Pty Support | Tea Pty Neutral | Tea Pty Oppose |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 61% | 63% | 50% | 75% |
| Oppose | 39% | 36% | 50% | 25% |
| No opinion | * | * | * | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 |

 * percentage less than 1%

Question 26C

Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one:

C. Preventing health insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions

Base = Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 64% | 63% | 65% | 66% | 59% |
| Oppose | 35% | 36% | 33% | 33% | 40% |
| No opinion | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-8.0 |

|  | Total | 18-34 | 35-49 | 50-64 | 65+ | Under 50 | 50 and Older |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 64% | N/A | 65% | 62% | 53% | 68% | 58% |
| Oppose | 35% | N/A | 33% | 37% | 44% | 31% | 40% |
| No opinion | 1% | N/A | 2% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 2% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 |  | +/-7.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |

|  | Total | Under $50K | $50K or more | No College | Attended College |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 64% | 58% | 72% | 56% | 70% |
| Oppose | 35% | 42% | 27% | 43% | 29% |
| No opinion | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |

|  | Total | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 64% | 69% | 65% | 54% | 75% | 66% | 56% |
| Oppose | 35% | 31% | 34% | 43% | 24% | 34% | 41% |
| No opinion | 1% | * | 1% | 3% | 1% | * | 3% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 |

|  | Total | Northeast | Midwest | South | West | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 64% | 69% | 65% | 61% | 63% | 66% | 65% | 59% |
| Oppose | 35% | 31% | 33% | 37% | 37% | 33% | 34% | 39% |
| No opinion | 1% | * | 1% | 2% | * | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 |

|  | Total | Tea Pty Support | Tea Pty Neutral | Tea Pty Oppose |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Favor | 64% | 55% | 61% | 78% |
| Oppose | 35% | 42% | 38% | 22% |
| No opinion | 1% | 3% | 1% | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.5 |

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