

NEW SURVEY DELVES INTO AMERICANS' VIEWS ON REPLACING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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CHICAGO, July 19, 2017 — Opinions around health care have evolved over the past six months, with 59 percent of Americans saying they would like President Barack Obama's health care law to be kept in place, an increase from 53 percent in January, according to a new survey from [The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research](#). Seventy-one percent of Americans say both that Republicans in Congress should negotiate with Democrats if they are unable to pass a bill on their own, and that Democrats should agree to negotiate if Republicans offer.

"As has long been the case, public opinion around health care is complicated," said Trevor Tompson, director of The AP-NORC Center. "However, this survey found that there's remarkable agreement on one point—that the Republicans and Democrats in Congress should cooperate to find a new model for the country's health care system."

Key findings from the poll include:

- Fifty-nine percent say they would like the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to be kept in place, an increase from 53 percent in January 2017.
- Just 13 percent say the law should be repealed immediately, while 26 percent say it should be repealed only when a replacement is ready.
- While Democrats and Republicans have remained consistent in their views toward dismantling the ACA, support among independents for repealing the legislation has fallen to 42 percent from 56 percent in January.
- Seventy-one percent of Americans say both that Republicans in Congress should negotiate with Democrats if they are unable to pass a bill on their own, and that Democrats should agree to negotiate if Republicans offer.
- Majorities of all partisans support negotiations on both sides, including 77 percent of Democrats, 65 percent of independents, and 65 percent of Republicans.
- However, Democrats are more amenable to members of their own party working with Republicans (81 percent) than Republicans are to congressional Republicans negotiating across the aisle (66 percent).



- Fifty-one percent of Americans support the ACA, 33 percent oppose it, and 16 percent neither support nor oppose it.
- Seventy-five percent of Democrats support the ACA while 70 percent of Republicans oppose it.

About the Survey

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 the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC’s probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. Interviews for this survey were conducted between July 13 and 17, 2017, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,019 completed the survey—786 via the web and 233 via telephone. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.1 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect.

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