



**National Health Care Reform Survey  
November 2009**

**Methodology:**

Public Opinion Strategies conducted a national telephone survey of 700 registered voters November 9-11, 2009. The survey has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.7\%$ .

**Key Findings:**

In one of the first national surveys completed after the House vote on health care reform...things do not look good for President Obama and Democrats in Congress:

- Opposition to President Obama’s health care plan is higher after the House vote than our previous tracks (29% favor/40% oppose). Voters’ net opposition to the plan has increased from -6% in September (31% favor/37% oppose) to -11% today.
  - Voter opposition to President Obama’s health care plan is higher than ever measured for President Clinton’s plan in 1993/1994 (35% oppose in June 1994).
- Multiple surveys show voters believe President Obama’s health care plan will mean their health care costs will increase (46% increase/11% decrease) and their quality of care will get worse (40% get worse/18% get better). Concerns about cost have trended up since September.
- Data continue to show the more people hear about President Obama’s health care plan the less they like it (38% the more I like it/52% the less I like it).
- The tide has significantly changed as Americans’ views about government involvement in health care are shifting. In March 2009, by a one point margin, voters said the federal government had a responsibility to provide government-run health care coverage to all. Today, this number has significantly shifted as voters now say by a 17 point margin it is not the federal government’s responsibility.

	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>November 2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Provide government-run health care coverage to all	<b>30%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>-8</b>
Assist those Americans who can least afford health care coverage to purchase it	<b>39%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>-3</b>
It is not the federal government’s responsibility	<b>29%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>+10</b>

This is reinforced by recently released data by Gallup. “More Americans now say it is not the federal government’s responsibility to make sure all Americans have healthcare coverage (50%) than say it is (47%). This is a first since Gallup began tracking this question.” National survey conducted by Gallup, November 5-8, 2009 among 1008 adults.