

Omnibus Poll

November 29-30, 2012



1. Awareness of public option

The "public option" refers to a proposal to create a government-run health insurance plan to compete with private insurance plans. Have you....?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | | Voter Registration | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Registered | Not registered |
| Heard a lot about this proposal | 30% | 41% | 20% | 26% | 27% | 29% | 52% | 31% | 25% | 41% | 39% | 15% |
| Heard a little about this proposal | 31% | 32% | 31% | 22% | 34% | 38% | 30% | 33% | 28% | 36% | 37% | 21% |
| Heard nothing at all about this proposal | 21% | 17% | 25% | 28% | 19% | 18% | 12% | 23% | 22% | 14% | 16% | 28% |
| Not sure | 18% | 10% | 25% | 24% | 20% | 14% | 5% | 12% | 25% | 9% | 8% | 36% |
| Totals (Unweighted) | 100% (1,000) | 100% (494) | 100% (506) | 100% (157) | 100% (334) | 100% (373) | 100% (136) | 100% (352) | 100% (384) | 100% (264) | 100% (905) | 100% (95) |

| | Total | Public option a good or bad idea | | | Approval of adding public option | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Good idea | Bad idea | Not sure | Approve | Disapprove | Not sure |
| Heard a lot about this proposal | 30% | 40% | 46% | 11% | 35% | 51% | 10% |
| Heard a little about this proposal | 31% | 36% | 32% | 27% | 36% | 29% | 27% |
| Heard nothing at all about this proposal | 21% | 17% | 14% | 29% | 20% | 17% | 25% |
| Not sure | 18% | 8% | 7% | 33% | 9% | 4% | 39% |
| Totals (Unweighted) | 100% (1,000) | 100% (334) | 100% (324) | 100% (342) | 100% (483) | 100% (250) | 100% (267) |

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2. Public option a good or bad idea

Would it be a good idea or a bad idea to change the health care reform law passed in 2010 so that it includes the government-run insurance plan known as the public option?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | | Voter Registration | |
|--------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Registered | Not registered |
| Good idea | 32% | 36% | 29% | 27% | 35% | 35% | 31% | 51% | 28% | 17% | 34% | 29% |
| Bad idea | 29% | 36% | 22% | 26% | 22% | 33% | 41% | 10% | 29% | 54% | 33% | 22% |
| Not sure | 39% | 27% | 50% | 47% | 43% | 32% | 27% | 39% | 43% | 29% | 33% | 49% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000) | (494) | (506) | (157) | (334) | (373) | (136) | (352) | (384) | (264) | (905) | (95) |

| | Public option a good or bad idea | | | | Approval of adding public option | | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|------------|----------|
| | Total | Good idea | Bad idea | Not sure | Approve | Disapprove | Not sure |
| Good idea | 32% | 100% | — | — | 59% | 9% | 11% |
| Bad idea | 29% | — | 100% | — | 14% | 76% | 18% |
| Not sure | 39% | — | — | 100% | 27% | 16% | 71% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000) | (334) | (324) | (342) | (483) | (250) | (267) |

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3. Perception of whether public option would increase or decrease deficit

If the health care reform law were changed to include a government run insurance plan, known as the public option, do you think it would...?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | | Voter Registration | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Registered | Not registered |
| Increase the budget deficit | 37% | 46% | 29% | 31% | 31% | 43% | 53% | 19% | 35% | 66% | 46% | 21% |
| Decrease the budget deficit | 11% | 13% | 9% | 9% | 14% | 9% | 14% | 17% | 10% | 4% | 11% | 11% |
| Neither increase nor decrease the budget deficit | 18% | 16% | 19% | 20% | 15% | 20% | 14% | 30% | 16% | 7% | 18% | 17% |
| Not sure | 34% | 24% | 43% | 40% | 40% | 29% | 19% | 34% | 39% | 23% | 25% | 50% |
| Totals (Unweighted) | 100% (1,000) | 100% (494) | 100% (506) | 100% (157) | 100% (334) | 100% (373) | 100% (136) | 100% (352) | 100% (384) | 100% (264) | 100% (905) | 100% (95) |

| | Total | Public option a good or bad idea | | | Approval of adding public option | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | Good idea | Bad idea | Not sure | Approve | Disapprove | Not sure |
| Increase the budget deficit | 37% | 20% | 77% | 22% | 23% | 82% | 26% |
| Decrease the budget deficit | 11% | 25% | 4% | 4% | 20% | 4% | 2% |
| Neither increase nor decrease the budget deficit | 18% | 30% | 8% | 15% | 27% | 4% | 14% |
| Not sure | 34% | 25% | 11% | 59% | 29% | 9% | 58% |
| Totals (Unweighted) | 100% (1,000) | 100% (334) | 100% (324) | 100% (342) | 100% (483) | 100% (250) | 100% (267) |

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4. Believability of federal savings with public option

Congressional budget analysts estimate that adding a public option to health care reform could save the federal government \$25 billion or more over 10 years. Do you think...?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | | Voter Registration | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Registered | Not registered |
| This estimate is believable | 24% | 25% | 23% | 25% | 24% | 23% | 24% | 41% | 21% | 8% | 29% | 14% |
| This estimate is not believable | 38% | 50% | 27% | 30% | 33% | 43% | 56% | 18% | 35% | 68% | 42% | 30% |
| Not sure | 38% | 25% | 51% | 45% | 43% | 34% | 20% | 40% | 44% | 23% | 28% | 56% |
| Totals (Unweighted) | 100% (1,000) | 100% (494) | 100% (506) | 100% (157) | 100% (334) | 100% (373) | 100% (136) | 100% (352) | 100% (384) | 100% (264) | 100% (905) | 100% (95) |

| | Public option a good or bad idea | | | | Approval of adding public option | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | Good idea | Bad idea | Not sure | Approve | Disapprove | Not sure |
| This estimate is believable | 24% | 45% | 12% | 15% | 46% | 6% | 5% |
| This estimate is not believable | 38% | 19% | 74% | 26% | 21% | 84% | 29% |
| Not sure | 38% | 35% | 13% | 59% | 33% | 9% | 66% |
| Totals (Unweighted) | 100% (1,000) | 100% (334) | 100% (324) | 100% (342) | 100% (483) | 100% (250) | 100% (267) |

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5. Approval of adding public option

If adding a government run insurance plan, or public option, to the health care reform law would reduce the deficit would you approve or disapprove of adding it?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | | Voter Registration | |
|--------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican | Registered | Not registered |
| Approve | 45% | 49% | 42% | 38% | 51% | 48% | 41% | 69% | 40% | 25% | 49% | 39% |
| Disapprove | 22% | 30% | 15% | 21% | 19% | 23% | 32% | 7% | 24% | 39% | 25% | 17% |
| Not sure | 32% | 22% | 43% | 41% | 29% | 29% | 27% | 24% | 36% | 36% | 26% | 45% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000) | (494) | (506) | (157) | (334) | (373) | (136) | (352) | (384) | (264) | (905) | (95) |

| | Public option a good or bad idea | | | | Approval of adding public option | | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|------------|----------|
| | Total | Good idea | Bad idea | Not sure | Approve | Disapprove | Not sure |
| Approve | 45% | 83% | 22% | 31% | 100% | — | — |
| Disapprove | 22% | 6% | 58% | 9% | — | 100% | — |
| Not sure | 32% | 11% | 20% | 60% | — | — | 100% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted) | (1,000) | (334) | (324) | (342) | (483) | (250) | (267) |