



18. With which of these statements do you agree more:

- a. Congress should pass health care reform even if a majority of Americans oppose it because they know a lot more about the subject.
- b. Congress should not pass health care reform if a majority of Americans oppose it because it is their job to represent the wishes of Americans.

	TOTAL		Party						Gender				Race							
			Dem		GOP		Indy		Male		Female		White		AfrAmer		Hispanic		Asian/Other	
			N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Congress chooses	139	17.3	81	28.0	19	7.3	39	15.4	79	20.1	60	14.6	103	16.9	20	20.2	5	8.5	11	29.7
People choose	519	64.6	126	43.6	219	83.9	174	68.5	263	66.9	256	62.3	414	68.0	47	47.5	39	66.1	19	51.4
Not sure	146	18.2	82	28.4	23	8.8	41	16.1	51	13.0	95	23.1	92	15.1	32	32.3	15	25.4	7	18.9
Total	804	100	289	100	261	100	254	100	393	100	411	100	609	100	99	100	59	100	37	100

	TOTAL		Geography								Age									
			East		Midwest		South		West		-30		30s		40s		50s		60s+	
			N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Congress chooses	139	17.3	49	22.1	37	13.7	32	18.6	21	15.0	25	16.2	18	10.8	33	26.8	24	14.1	39	20.5
People choose	519	64.6	128	57.7	182	67.4	110	64.0	99	70.7	98	63.6	114	68.3	64	52.0	122	71.8	121	63.7
Not sure	146	18.2	45	20.3	51	18.9	30	17.4	20	14.3	31	20.1	35	21.0	26	21.1	24	14.1	30	15.8
Total	804	100	222	100	270	100	172	100	140	100	154	100	167	100	123	100	170	100	190	100

	TOTAL		Household Income							
			-\$50k		\$50-\$75k		\$75-\$125k		\$125k +	
			N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Congress chooses	139	17.3	61	13.9	28	21.4	27	20.3	23	23.0
People choose	519	64.6	270	61.4	86	65.6	96	72.2	67	67.0
Not sure	146	18.2	109	24.8	17	13.0	10	7.5	10	10.0
Total	804	100	440	100	131	100	133	100	100	100

Likely voters – survey conducted August 19–25, 2009. Margin of error +/- 3.4 percentage points