The Reason-Rupe December 2013 Poll interviewed 1,011 adults on both mobile (506) and landline (505) phones, including 277 respondents without landlines from December 4–8, 2013 from all 50 states and the District of Columbia using live telephone interviews. The margin of sampling error is +/- 3.7%. For Form A respondents (n=494), the margin of error is +/- 5.3%. For Form B respondents (n=517), the margin of error is +/- 5.1%. Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) conducted the survey. Interviews were done in English by Braun Research, Incorporated. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies. When feasible, answer choices within questions were rotated or randomized. For more methodological information, please visit http://reason.com/reason-rupe-poll-methodology.

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Don’t know/Refused responses are voluntary.
Due to rounding, accumulated responses may not total 100%.
Responses less than 1% are denoted by a “*”. 
1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?
   - Right direction .................................... 35%
   - Wrong direction ................................... 56%
   - Neither (VOL.) ...................................... 4%
   - DK/Refused ........................................ 4%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
   - Approve ............................................. 47%
   - Disapprove ......................................... 50%
   - DK/Refused ........................................... 4%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling healthcare?
   - Approve ............................................. 38%
   - Disapprove ......................................... 57%
   - DK/Refused ........................................... 5%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?
   - Approve ............................................. 20%
   - Disapprove ......................................... 74%
   - DK/Refused ........................................... 6%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

5. In just a few words, what would you say is the biggest problem facing the country today? (ASKED OF FORM A) (OPEN-END)
   - Jobs/Wages ........................................... 16%
   - Congressional Gridlock/ Societal Disunity .................. 11%
   - Economy/Rising Costs .............................. 11%
   - Big Government (Taxes, Spending, Overreach) .......... 10%
   - Obama/Obama Administration ..................... 9%
   - Health Care .......................................... 9%
   - Socioeconomic/Class Issues ......................... 7%
   - Politicians .......................................... 4%
   - Moral/Religious Issues ............................... 3%
   - Education ............................................ 3%
   - International Affairs ................................ 3%
   - Republicans/Tea Partiers ............................ 2%
   - Immigration ......................................... 2%
   - Other .................................................. 4%
   - DK (Don’t Know) ..................................... 6%
   - Total .................................................. 100%

6. After next year’s congressional elections, would you prefer the Democrats have a majority in Congress, the Republicans have a majority in Congress, or neither party have a majority in Congress?
   - Democrats ............................................. 33%
   - Republicans ......................................... 27%
   - Neither party ......................................... 36%
   - DK/Refused ........................................... 4%
   - Total .................................................. 100%
READ TO ALL: Now I am going to ask you some questions about the federal health care law, also known as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare...

7. Given what you know about the federal health care law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it? [GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: Is that a very or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?]
   - Total Favorable .................................. 41%
   - Total Unfavorable ................................. 53%
   - Very favorable................................. 15%
   - Somewhat favorable....................... 26%
   - Somewhat unfavorable............... 21%
   - Very unfavorable ..................... 31%
   - DK/Refused................................. 7%
   - Total........................................ 100%

8. Next, which of the following best describes your views about the federal health care law?
   - You liked the law when it passed, and you still like it .......................... 26%
   - You liked the law when it passed, but like it less now .................... 18%
   - You disliked the law when it passed, but like it more now ............. 7%
   - You disliked the law when it passed, and you still dislike it ............ 45%
   - No views .................................. 4%
   - DK/Refused................................. 7%
   - Total........................................ 100%

9. What one word would you use to describe the implementation of the federal health care law so far? (ASKED OF FORM B) (OPEN-END)
   - Positive .................................. 17%
   - Negative.................................. 65%
   - DK/Neutral................................. 18%
   - Total........................................ 100%

10. Has implementation of the health care law thus far increased or decreased your confidence in government’s ability to solve problems, or has it not made much difference either way?
    - Increased ................................ 11%
    - Decreased ................................ 47%
    - Not much difference either way .... 41%
    - DK/Refused............................. 1%
    - Total...................................... 100%

11. If you had to choose, would you prefer the health care system designed by the 2010 federal health care law or the system that was in place prior to passage of the 2010 federal health care law?
    - The health care system designed by the 2010 federal health care law .... 34%
    - System that was in place prior to passage of the 2010 federal health care law .......................... 55%
    - DK/Refused............................. 11%
    - Total...................................... 100%

12. Whatever your overall view of the new federal health care law, do you favor or oppose provisions in the law that prohibit health insurance companies from denying coverage or charging some customers higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions?
    - Favor ...................................... 40%
    - Oppose .................................... 53%
    - DK/Refused............................. 7%
    - Total...................................... 100%
13. Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [Pay higher taxes] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM A)
   • Acceptable ........................................... 24%
   • Unacceptable ........................................ 71%
   • Depends (VOL.) ..................................... 3%
   • Not applicable (VOL.) .............................. 1%
   • DK/Refused .......................................... 1%
   • Total .................................................. 100%

14. Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [Pay higher health insurance premiums] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM B)
   • Acceptable ........................................... 16%
   • Unacceptable ........................................ 78%
   • Depends (VOL.) ..................................... 3%
   • Not applicable (VOL.) .............................. 2%
   • DK/Refused .......................................... 1%
   • Total .................................................. 100%

15. Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [Switch doctors] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM B)
   • Acceptable ........................................... 47%
   • Unacceptable ........................................ 46%
   • Depends (VOL.) ..................................... 5%
   • Not applicable (VOL.) .............................. 1%
   • DK/Refused .......................................... 2%
   • Total .................................................. 100%

16. Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [Have fewer choices of doctors and hospitals] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM B)
   • Acceptable ........................................... 22%
   • Unacceptable ........................................ 73%
   • Depends (VOL.) ..................................... 3%
   • Not applicable (VOL.) ............................. 1%
   • DK/Refused .......................................... 1%
   • Total .................................................. 100%

17. Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [Have limited access to top quality doctors and health care providers] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM A)
   • Acceptable ........................................... 22%
   • Unacceptable ........................................ 76%
   • Depends (VOL.) ..................................... 1%
   • Not applicable (VOL.) ............................. 1%
   • DK/Refused .......................................... 1%
   • Total .................................................. 100%

18. Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [Wait 2 to 4 weeks longer to see a primary care doctor for a check-up] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM A)
   • Acceptable ........................................... 21%
   • Unacceptable ........................................ 74%
   • Depends (VOL.) ..................................... 2%
   • Not applicable (VOL.) ............................. 1%
   • DK/Refused .......................................... 1%
   • Total .................................................. 100%
19. Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [Wait 2 to 4 weeks longer to see a specialist or surgeon for a necessary procedure] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM B)

- Acceptable...........................................16%
- Unacceptable.......................................79%
- Depends (VOL.).................................3%
- Not applicable (VOL.)............................1%
- DK/Refused.........................................1%
- Total..................................................100%

20. Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [Have fewer medical tests and treatments covered by your health insurance policy] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM B)

- Acceptable...........................................25%
- Unacceptable.......................................70%
- Depends (VOL.).................................2%
- Not applicable (VOL.)............................1%
- DK/Refused.........................................2%
- Total..................................................100%

21. Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [Receive fewer medical tests and treatments] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM A)

- Acceptable...........................................24%
- Unacceptable.......................................66%
- Depends (VOL.).................................4%
- Not applicable (VOL.)............................1%
- DK/Refused.........................................1%
- Total..................................................100%

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS 13–21
Would you find it acceptable or unacceptable for you to [ITEM] so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions?

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22. Of the following things that you said would be unacceptable to you so that health insurance companies can NOT deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions... which is the MOST unacceptable? (BASED ON MORE THAN ONE “UNACCEPTABLE” ANSWER IN PREVIOUS QUESTION)

ASKED OF FORM A
- Pay higher taxes........................................28%
- Wait 2 to 4 weeks longer to see a primary care doctor for a check-up...............27%
- Have limited access to top quality doctors and health care providers.............26%
- Have fewer medical tests and treatments covered by your health insurance policy ........................................13%
- DK/Refused............................................6%

ASKED OF FORM B
- Pay higher health insurance premiums ..32%
- Wait 2 to 4 weeks longer to see a specialist or surgeon for a necessary procedure ........................................29%
- Receive fewer medical tests and treatments..................................................16%
- Have fewer choices of doctors and hospitals ................................................12%
- Switch doctors ........................................6%
- DK/Refused............................................5%

READ TO ALL: Under the health care law, some people say insurance premiums for younger and healthier people are generally going up in order to fund provisions of the law.

23. Do you favor or oppose requiring younger, healthier people to pay more for health insurance if it results in health insurance coverage for the uninsured? (ASKED OF FORM A)
- Favor ....................................................27%
- Oppose .................................................68%
- DK/Refused.............................................5%
- Total ....................................................100%

24. Do you favor or oppose requiring younger, healthier people to pay more for health insurance if it helps pay for older and less healthy people? (ASKED OF FORM B)
- Favor ....................................................27%
- Oppose ..................................................70%
- DK/Refused............................................3%
- Total ....................................................100%

25. Do you favor or oppose requiring younger, healthier people to pay more for health insurance if it helps pay for health insurance for people with pre-existing conditions? (ASKED OF FORM A)
- Favor ....................................................33%
- Oppose ..................................................62%
- DK/Refused............................................5%
- Total ....................................................100%

26. Do you favor or oppose requiring younger, healthier people to pay more for health insurance if it helps pay for expanded coverage for everyone, such as maternity care and mental health care? (ASKED OF FORM B)
- Favor ....................................................32%
- Oppose ..................................................65%
- DK/Refused............................................3%
- Total ....................................................100%

27. The federal government has sought to increase health care benefits for everyone by prohibiting low cost health insurance policies that do not cover certain things like routine check-ups, maternity benefits, or mental health care [IF NECESSARY: meaning individuals would have to pay these and other costs out-of-pocket]. Should the government prohibit these policies or should these policies be allowed?
- Prohibit ..................................................37%
- Allow ...................................................57%
- DK/Refused............................................7%
- Total ....................................................100%
28. When it comes to health care, would you say the typical member of Congress understands the health care system and the impact of the health care laws they pass very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?
   • Total Very/Somewhat Well ............. 25% 
   • Total Not too/Not at all Well ........... 73% 
   • Very well ................................................ 4% 
   • Somewhat well .................................... 21% 
   • Not too well .......................................... 25% 
   • Not at all well................................. 48% 
   • DK/Refused ............................................. 2% 
   • Total ...................................................... 100%

29. To expand health care for low-income Americans, would you rather expand Medicaid, the government health insurance program for low-income Americans, or would you rather give tax credits to low-income Americans so they could purchase their own private health insurance?
   • Expand Medicaid, the government health insurance program for low-income Americans ......................... 48% 
   • Give tax credits to low-income Americans so they could purchase their own private health insurance ......................... 44% 
   • DK/Refused ............................................. 8% 
   • Total ...................................................... 100%

30. Would you favor or oppose replacing the system of employer-based health insurance with a system where individuals purchase private health insurance in a marketplace, similar to how auto, life and homeowners insurance is purchased?
   • Favor ..................................................... 48% 
   • Oppose ................................................. 44% 
   • DK/Refused ............................................. 8% 
   • Total ...................................................... 100%

31–55. HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

56. Next...In terms of sharing information with the public, President Obama has said, “This is the most trans-parent administration in history.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
   • Agree ....................................................... 37% 
   • Disagree .................................................... 57% 
   • DK/Refused ................................................ 6% 
   • Total ...................................................... 100%

57. Thinking about the proper size and power of the government, would you say you generally agree with President Obama about the proper size and power of the government or do you generally disagree with his views?
   • Generally agree ........................................ 38% 
   • Generally disagree ................................. 52% 
   • Sometimes agree/sometimes disagree (VOL.) ........................................ 4% 
   • DK/Refused ................................................ 5% 
   • Total ...................................................... 100%

58. HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 59, 60 AND 61

59. Which comes closer to your own opinion?
   • “The less government the better” ...... 48% 
   • “There are more things government should be doing” ................................. 48% 
   • DK/Refused ............................. 4% 
   • Total ...................................................... 100%

60. Which comes closer to your own opinion?
   • “We need a strong government to handle today’s complex economic problems” ........................................ 49% 
   • “People would be better able to handle today’s problems within a free market with less government involvement” .......... 48% 
   • DK/Refused .......................................... 4% 
   • Total ...................................................... 100%
61. Which comes closer to your own opinion?
   - “Government is primarily a source of good and helps people improve their lives” .................................................... 41%
   - “Government, while necessary for certain functions, is generally a burdensome part of society that impedes the ability of people to improve their lives” ............ 54%
   - DK/Refused ............................................ 5%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

62. Some people think the government (should promote traditional values in our society.) Others think the government (should not favor any particular set of values.) Which comes closer to your own view?
   - Should promote traditional values ......51%
   - Should not favor any particular set of values ........................................ 42%
   - DK/Refused ............................................ 7%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

63. GENDER
   - Male .................................................... 49%
   - Female ................................................ 51%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

64. AGE
   - 18-24 .................................................... 13%
   - 25-34 .................................................... 16%
   - 35-44 .................................................... 17%
   - 45-54 .................................................... 19%
   - 55-64 .................................................... 16%
   - 65+ ....................................................... 17%
   - DK/Refused ............................................ 2%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

65. Race/Ethnicity
   - White .................................................... 67%
   - African-American ................................. 11%
   - Hispanic .............................................. 13%
   - Other ................................................... 7%
   - DK/Refused ............................................ 2%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

66. Which of the following BEST describes your current employment status?
   - Employed Full-Time ............................. 40%
   - Employed Part-Time ............................ 12%
   - Small business owner or self-employed... 7%
   - Taking care of home and family .......... 7%
   - Retired ................................................. 19%
   - Student ................................................. 7%
   - Unemployed ......................................... 5%
   - Disabled (VOL.) ..................................... 3%
   - DK/Refused ............................................ 1%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

67. Are you employed by local, state, or the federal government? (ASK IF EMPLOYED FULL-OR PART-TIME)
   - Public Sector Worker ......................... 18%
   - Private Sector Worker......................... 79%
   - DK/Refused ............................................ 3%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

68. Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?
   - Married/Living with a partner ............. 62%
   - Divorced/Separated/Widowed ............. 15%
   - Never been married ........................... 21%
   - DK/Refused ............................................ 2%
   - Total ................................................... 100%

69. In politics today, do you consider yourself a:
   - Republican ........................................ 23%
   - Democrat .......................................... 34%
   - Independent ....................................... 34%
   - Or what? ............................................ 7%
   - DK/Refused ............................................ 2%
   - Total ................................................... 100%
70. Party Identification (DERIVED, Independent Leaners Sorted)
   - Democrat............................................34%
   - Independent-Lean Democrat.............14%
   - Independent .................................13%
   - Independent-Lean Republican ........14%
   - Republican ............................................23%
   - DK/Refused............................................2%
   - Total....................................................100%

71. Thinking about your overall political philosophy, would you describe yourself as:
   - Conservative .......................................29%
   - Moderate .............................................28%
   - Liberal ................................................17%
   - Libertarian ............................................5%
   - Progressive ...........................................7%
   - Or something else? ..............................9%
   - DK/Refused............................................5%
   - Total....................................................100%

72. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?
   - Supporter .............................................23%
   - Not a supporter ......................................69%
   - DK/Refused............................................8%
   - Total....................................................100%

73. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?
   - High school or less..............................41%
   - Some college ......................................32%
   - College................................................19%
   - Post-Grad...............................................8%
   - DK/Refused............................................1%
   - Total....................................................100%

74. What is your household income category?
   - <$30,000.............................................24%
   - $30,000 but less than $45,000 .............16%
   - $45,000 but less than $60,000 ..............17%
   - $60,000 but less than $75,000 ..............11%
   - $75,000 but less than $90,000 ..............8%
   - $90,000 but less than $110,000 ............6%
   - $110,000 but less than $150,000 ..........6%
   - $150,000 but less than $250,000 ..........3%
   - $250,000 or more...............................2%
   - DK/Refused............................................8%
   - Total....................................................100%

75. Region
   - Northeast..........................................19%
   - Midwest.............................................22%
   - South................................................38%
   - West..................................................22%
   - Total....................................................100%

76. Community Type
   - Rural..................................................18%
   - Suburban............................................47%
   - Urban...............................................35%
   - Total....................................................100%