

Siena Research Institute - 9/13/09 - 9/17/09 792 New York State Registered Voters +/- 3.5%

Q2. Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Right track	49%	65%	23%	46%	47%	51%	57%	48%	43%	44%	69%	60%	56%	52%	42%	47%	53%	40%	57%	48%	50%	
Wrong direction	42%	26%	70%	44%	44%	40%	33%	46%	47%	47%	20%	36%	42%	37%	47%	43%	41%	51%	34%	46%	40%	
Don't know/No opinion	9%	9%	7%	10%	8%	9%	10%	5%	10%	9%	10%	3%	2%	10%	11%	9%	7%	9%	9%	6%	10%	

I'm going to read the names of several people in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each of the people I name.

Q7. Barack Obama																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Favorable	65%	83%	29%	64%	64%	65%	77%	57%	58%	57%	89%	83%	68%	69%	58%	62%	63%	55%	77%	62%	65%	
Unfavorable	31%	14%	67%	30%	33%	30%	21%	36%	39%	39%	4%	17%	29%	27%	37%	36%	34%	41%	18%	33%	31%	
Don't know/No opinion	4%	3%	5%	6%	3%	5%	3%	7%	4%	4%	7%	0%	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	

Q25. How closely have you been following the recent national debate over health care reform?																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Very closely	41%	38%	42%	47%	48%	35%	36%	53%	38%	42%	41%	25%	28%	41%	48%	42%	34%	41%	40%	44%	40%	
Somewhat closely	43%	42%	47%	43%	37%	48%	44%	39%	45%	44%	47%	41%	49%	44%	40%	44%	51%	45%	40%	40%	45%	
Not very closely	13%	17%	9%	6%	11%	14%	14%	7%	15%	12%	5%	29%	20%	13%	9%	11%	12%	11%	17%	12%	13%	
Not at all	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%	7%	5%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	
Don't know/No opinion	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

I'm going to read you a series of statements that some have made about health care reform, for each tell me whether you strongly agree, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree or whether you simply do not have enough information to express an opinion.

Q26. Providing quality health care to every American is a moral issue. We simply must do it.																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Strongly agree	51%	63%	30%	50%	49%	53%	57%	49%	47%	48%	76%	49%	54%	53%	49%	48%	51%	41%	65%	49%	53%	
Agree somewhat	23%	19%	26%	27%	25%	21%	20%	27%	23%	22%	19%	31%	18%	24%	25%	24%	31%	26%	16%	26%	21%	
Neither agree nor disagree	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	
Somewhat disagree	13%	10%	22%	8%	13%	12%	11%	11%	15%	15%	1%	13%	21%	9%	11%	13%	9%	16%	10%	17%	11%	
Disagree strongly	9%	4%	17%	11%	11%	8%	7%	9%	12%	11%	0%	5%	6%	10%	11%	12%	5%	13%	4%	7%	11%	
Not enough info	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	
Don't know/No opinion	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

Q27. The President's plan for health care reform is a risky proposal.																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Strongly agree	32%	19%	56%	33%	33%	31%	23%	47%	32%	37%	21%	30%	33%	32%	32%	36%	35%	38%	22%	37%	30%	
Agree somewhat	21%	21%	20%	23%	22%	20%	23%	12%	23%	20%	15%	34%	30%	18%	19%	23%	26%	16%	20%	21%	21%	
Neither agree nor disagree	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%	2%	5%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	5%	2%	5%	
Somewhat disagree	14%	17%	6%	17%	15%	14%	16%	10%	15%	13%	20%	12%	11%	16%	14%	13%	13%	12%	18%	9%	17%	
Disagree strongly	20%	29%	8%	15%	21%	19%	24%	17%	17%	18%	31%	16%	16%	23%	19%	16%	20%	18%	27%	18%	21%	
Not enough info	8%	9%	6%	7%	6%	10%	8%	10%	7%	8%	8%	4%	7%	8%	9%	8%	4%	11%	7%	12%	6%	
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	

Q28. From what I've heard, health care costs are out of control and unless we act now, health care could bankrupt our economy.																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Strongly agree	44%	47%	36%	44%	46%	42%	49%	37%	43%	40%	61%	47%	43%	46%	42%	40%	30%	45%	53%	44%	43%	
Agree somewhat	26%	26%	26%	29%	24%	29%	22%	26%	30%	28%	17%	26%	29%	26%	25%	27%	31%	25%	25%	25%	27%	
Neither agree nor disagree	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	3%	3%	1%	3%	5%	1%	3%	2%	
Somewhat disagree	12%	10%	15%	12%	13%	11%	10%	14%	12%	13%	6%	10%	12%	12%	12%	15%	11%	14%	7%	15%	11%	
Disagree strongly	11%	10%	15%	9%	12%	10%	12%	16%	7%	11%	10%	11%	9%	10%	13%	11%	14%	7%	11%	7%	13%	
Not enough info	4%	5%	5%	2%	3%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%	6%	6%	2%	5%	4%	11%	2%	3%	6%	4%	
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	

Q29. In these economic times, the country cannot afford the health care reforms the President is calling for.																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
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Strongly agree	28%	15%	50%	33%	31%	25%	17%	41%	31%	33%	13%	14%	25%	27%	31%	30%	24%	38%	20%	30%	27%	
Agree somewhat	16%	16%	21%	11%	16%	16%	16%	14%	17%	16%	11%	28%	19%	15%	15%	19%	16%	17%	11%	17%	15%	
Neither agree nor disagree	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	1%	0%	3%	2%	4%	1%	4%	3%	5%	2%	3%	
Somewhat disagree	17%	22%	12%	14%	15%	19%	18%	14%	18%	16%	16%	42%	19%	19%	14%	22%	21%	12%	14%	17%	17%	
Disagree strongly	28%	38%	9%	29%	32%	26%	36%	24%	23%	25%	47%	12%	27%	31%	27%	20%	30%	22%	43%	27%	29%	
Not enough info	7%	5%	5%	10%	3%	9%	7%	6%	7%	6%	11%	4%	8%	6%	7%	8%	3%	8%	5%	6%	7%	
Don't know/No opinion	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	

Q30. It should be illegal for health care insurance companies to deny coverage based on a pre-existing condition.																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
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Strongly agree	60%	62%	55%	62%	54%	65%	56%	65%	61%	59%	69%	45%	54%	64%	60%	56%	62%	59%	69%	60%	61%	
Agree somewhat	17%	16%	21%	15%	22%	14%	16%	17%	18%	19%	14%	15%	15%	17%	19%	19%	17%	15%	16%	17%	17%	
Neither agree nor disagree	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	
Somewhat disagree	8%	7%	7%	9%	8%	8%	9%	6%	8%	8%	7%	11%	11%	6%	8%	10%	8%	7%	5%	5%	9%	
Disagree strongly	10%	12%	9%	7%	11%	9%	11%	9%	9%	9%	7%	29%	16%	8%	8%	11%	9%	12%	8%	14%	8%	
Not enough info	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	3%	
Don't know/No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	
Q31. A public option, that is, some form of government managed health care system, should not be included in any health care reform legislation.																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Strongly agree	23%	14%	38%	27%	24%	22%	17%	32%	24%	29%	5%	12%	21%	22%	26%	26%	24%	27%	17%	25%	23%	
Agree somewhat	14%	12%	20%	14%	14%	14%	15%	15%	13%	13%	21%	15%	15%	12%	15%	16%	14%	13%	13%	16%	13%	
Neither agree nor disagree	6%	5%	7%	4%	6%	6%	5%	3%	8%	4%	5%	5%	8%	6%	4%	3%	7%	4%	9%	3%	7%	
Somewhat disagree	21%	26%	13%	21%	21%	21%	21%	19%	23%	19%	26%	35%	26%	21%	18%	24%	22%	20%	18%	19%	22%	
Disagree strongly	23%	30%	10%	24%	28%	20%	28%	19%	22%	24%	29%	14%	17%	27%	24%	16%	19%	22%	36%	23%	24%	
Not enough info	11%	11%	11%	9%	6%	15%	13%	9%	10%	10%	12%	20%	13%	11%	10%	14%	13%	12%	5%	13%	10%	
Don't know/No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	
Q32. I'm concerned that the health care reforms advocated by the president will lead us away from democracy towards socialism.																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Strongly agree	24%	12%	48%	21%	23%	25%	17%	35%	24%	29%	12%	12%	20%	21%	30%	27%	20%	31%	16%	29%	22%	
Agree somewhat	14%	14%	16%	14%	16%	13%	12%	14%	17%	14%	9%	18%	22%	13%	11%	15%	19%	14%	13%	13%	15%	
Neither agree nor disagree	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	2%	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	6%	2%	4%	
Somewhat disagree	15%	14%	17%	18%	16%	15%	13%	13%	19%	14%	16%	30%	17%	16%	14%	20%	11%	16%	10%	14%	16%	
Disagree strongly	37%	50%	13%	39%	37%	37%	48%	30%	31%	35%	51%	39%	30%	42%	37%	31%	44%	30%	49%	36%	38%	
Not enough info	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	0%	7%	3%	3%	4%	0%	5%	4%	6%	3%	
Don't know/No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	0%	1%	3%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	

Q33. Fixing health care, that is, making sure high quality affordable care is fairly available to every American should be one of our country's top priorities.																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Strongly agree	59%	69%	39%	59%	57%	61%	66%	51%	56%	54%	87%	57%	50%	63%	60%	55%	56%	52%	72%	58%	60%	
Agree somewhat	24%	21%	29%	25%	23%	24%	22%	27%	24%	25%	9%	31%	29%	23%	22%	24%	30%	26%	19%	24%	24%	
Neither agree nor disagree	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Somewhat disagree	7%	3%	16%	6%	9%	6%	4%	11%	8%	10%	1%	3%	7%	6%	9%	10%	8%	10%	2%	7%	7%	
Disagree strongly	6%	5%	11%	5%	7%	5%	5%	7%	8%	7%	1%	7%	9%	5%	6%	7%	7%	8%	4%	6%	7%	
Not enough info	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	
Don't know/No opinion	2%	0%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	4%	0%	1%	2%	0%	3%	0%	3%	1%	
Q34. Did you watch or closely follow the coverage of President Obama's speech last Wednesday night to Congress and the nation on health care reform?																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Yes	54%	53%	50%	60%	60%	49%	54%	66%	48%	55%	56%	46%	50%	50%	61%	59%	48%	47%	55%	54%	55%	
No	45%	47%	50%	39%	40%	50%	46%	34%	52%	45%	43%	54%	50%	50%	39%	40%	52%	53%	45%	45%	45%	
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Q35. Do you support, or oppose the President's approach to reforming health care in the U.S. or do you need more information in order to say?																						
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Union HH		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	Yes	No	
Support	36%	47%	13%	39%	38%	33%	42%	31%	33%	34%	48%	31%	26%	43%	34%	35%	35%	27%	44%	29%	39%	
Oppose	21%	10%	43%	20%	20%	21%	15%	28%	23%	26%	8%	6%	15%	21%	25%	23%	22%	25%	15%	25%	19%	
Need more info	43%	43%	43%	41%	41%	45%	42%	41%	44%	39%	44%	64%	59%	36%	40%	42%	42%	48%	41%	45%	42%	
Don't know/No opinion	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	