

Public opinion on “health care reform” and abortion

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Polls	For Abortion	Against Abortion
<p>“Say someone buys private health insurance using government assistance to help pay for it. Do you think insurance sold that way should or should not be allowed to include coverage for abortions?”</p> <p>35% Should 61% Should not 4% No opinion</p> <p><i>Washington Post-ABC News Poll, November 12-15, 2009 (1,001 adults, margin of error: +/- 3%)</i></p>	<p>35%</p>	<p>61%</p>
<p>“Generally speaking, are you in favor of using public funds for abortions when the woman cannot afford it, or are you opposed to that?”</p> <p>37% Favor 61% Oppose 2% Indifferent (vol.) 1% No opinion</p> <p><i>CNN Opinion Research Corporation, November 13-15, 2009 (1,014 adults, margin of error: +/- 3%)</i></p>	<p>37%</p>	<p>61%</p>
<p>“If the choice were up to you, would you want your own insurance policy to include abortion?”</p> <p>24% Yes 68% No 6% Don’t know / Unsure 2% Refused</p> <p><i>International Communications Research, September 16-20, 2009. (1,043 adults, margin of error: +/- 3%)</i></p>	<p>24%</p>	<p>68%</p>

Polls	For Abortion	Against Abortion
<p>“Should health insurance paid for or subsidized with government funding be required to cover abortions, be prohibited from covering abortions, or have no requirements concerning abortions?”</p> <p>13% Required to cover abortions 48% Prohibited from covering abortions 32% Have no requirements concerning abortions 7% Not sure</p> <p><i>Rasmussen Reports, September 14-15, 2009. (1,000 likely voters, margin of error: +/- 3%)</i></p>	13%	48%
<p>“Now, talking just a little about the President’s proposed health care plan which may include creating a public health insurance plan that would be administered by the federal government. As part of this proposed public plan, if the government paid for abortions would this make you more likely or less likely to support the President’s proposed health plan, or would it make no difference to your opinion one way or the other?”</p> <p>8% Total more likely 43% Total less likely 46% No difference 1% Don’t know 2% Refuse</p> <p><i>Public Opinion Strategies, August 30-September 1, 2009. (800 registered voters, margin of error: +/- 3.5%)</i></p>	8%	43%
<p>“Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements. The first/next one is... ‘If the government is going to make a public health plan available for all Americans it has an obligation to provide abortion services under that plan.’”</p> <p>38% Agree 58% Disagree 3% Don’t know 1% Refuse</p> <p><i>Public Opinion Strategies, August 30-September 1, 2009. (800 registered voters, margin of error: +/- 3.5%)</i></p>	38%	58%

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<p>“Regardless of your overall position on health care reform, do you favor or oppose measures that would require people to pay for abortion coverage with their federal taxes?”</p> <p>19% Favor 67% Oppose 12% Don’t know / Unsure 1% Refused</p> <p><i>International Communications Research, September 16-20, 2009. (1,043 adults, margin of error: +/- 3%)</i></p>	19%	67%
<p>“Regardless of your overall position on health care reform, do you favor or oppose measures that would require people to pay for abortion coverage with their health insurance premiums?”</p> <p>32% Favor 56% Oppose 10% Don’t know / Unsure 2% Refused</p> <p><i>International Communications Research, September 16-20, 2009. (1,043 adults, margin of error: +/- 3%)</i></p>	32%	56%
<p>“Do you support or oppose allowing abortions to be paid for by public funds under a health care reform bill?”</p> <p>23% Support 72% Oppose 5% DK/NA</p> <p><i>Quinnipiac University Poll, December 15-20, 2009. (1,616 registered voters, margin of error: +/- 2.4%)</i></p>	23%	72%
<p>“The plan would prohibit coverage of abortion by any insurance plan that receives federal government subsidies.”</p> <p>39% Strongly favor 14% Somewhat favor 14% Somewhat oppose 26% Strongly oppose 6% Not sure</p> <p><i>Rasmussen Reports, December 28, 2009. (1,000 likely voters, margin of error: +/- 3%)</i></p>	40%	53%