



PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION
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AMERICANS ON FIXING U.S. POVERTY PROGRAMS

MEDICAID EXPANSION QUESTIONNAIRE

National Sample:

Total Sample: 7,445

National: 7,128; Margin of Error: +/- 1.2%

State samples:

California (CA): 682	Margin of Error: +/- 3.8%
Florida (FL): 423	Margin of Error: +/- 4.8%
Maryland (MD): 486	Margin of Error: +/- 4.4%
New York (NY): 401	Margin of Error: +/- 4.9%
North Carolina (NC): 402	Margin of Error: +/- 4.9%
Ohio (OH): 509	Margin of Error: +/- 4.3%
Texas (TX): 398	Margin of Error: +/- 4.9%
Virginia (VA): 463	Margin of Error: +/- 4.6%

[Q 1-18] Held for future release

Medicaid

As you may know, Medicaid is a government health insurance program that serves low-income people.

Medicaid is a partnership between the federal government and the states. Currently, the federal government covers on average 60% of the cost, while the states cover the other 40%.

There is a lot of discussion these days about a proposal to expand Medicaid. In 2013, for people to receive Medicaid, they had to be well below the poverty line--on average, no more than 61%. For example, for a single parent with two children, their income could be no more than \$11,316.

[Q19] Based on what you have heard so far, please select how you feel about raising this limit to some extent. Would this be:

[PRESENT ON SCREEN IN GRID FORMAT, MAKE SURE DISTANCE BETWEEN EACH NUMBER IS EQUIDISTANT]										
Not at all acceptable 0	1	2	3	4	Just tolerable 5	6	7	8	9	Very acceptable 10
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

	Mean	Completely Unacceptable (0-4)	Just Tolerable (5)	Very Acceptable (6-10)	Refused / Don't know
National	5.7	26.7%	22.5%	50.2%	0.6%
GOP	5.0	31.6%	28.7%	39.2%	0.4%
Dem.	6.4	21.6%	16.4%	61.4%	0.6%
Indep.	5.5	28.3%	23.3%	47.5%	0.9%
Texas	5.8	25.3%	21.7%	52.5%	0.5%
GOP	5.0	29.6%	32.2%	38.1%	0.0%
Dem.	6.7	18.9%	10.8%	69.4%	0.9%
North Carolina	5.4	30.3%	18.9%	49.3%	1.5%
GOP	5.5	20.7%	34.5%	44.8%	0.0%
Dem.	5.8	29.8%	11.0%	58.2%	1.0%
Florida	5.7	27.7%	21.7%	49.4%	1.2%
GOP	5.1	32.4%	29.3%	36.7%	1.5%
Dem.	6.3	21.9%	15.1%	62.2%	0.8%
Ohio	5.7	26.8%	22.3%	50.7%	0.1%
GOP	4.9	34.2%	27.0%	38.6%	0.2%
Dem.	6.5	19.1%	16.6%	64.2%	0.1%
Virginia	5.7	25.9%	21.1%	51.8%	1.2%
GOP	4.5	35.0%	31.1%	33.8%	0.0%
Dem.	6.7	18.0%	14.7%	65.5%	1.8%
California	5.7	28.6%	20.7%	49.2%	1.5%
GOP	4.9	36.0%	28.5%	34.7%	0.8%
Dem.	6.6	19.7%	15.6%	63.0%	1.7%

Maryland	5.9	27.3%	22.3%	49.2%	1.2%
GOP	5.1	32.5%	32.3%	34.6%	0.6%
Dem.	6.3	25.0%	16.2%	58.3%	0.5%
New York	6.0	27.2%	16.5%	56.2%	0.1%
GOP	5.1	34.2%	22.3%	43.5%	0.0%
Dem.	6.8	21.7%	11.3%	66.8%	0.2%

As you may know, the federal government has proposed that it help the states to provide Medicaid to more people. It is up to the states whether they accept this help. Some states have already accepted it, while others have not.

Under this plan, the federal government covers **100%** of Medicaid expansion costs through 2016. After that, it will permanently cover at least **90%** of those costs and the states will provide 10%.

This plan would enable the states to expand Medicaid coverage to households with incomes up to 138% of the poverty line. For example, a family with a single parent and two children could qualify with an income up to \$25,560.

We would like you to consider whether or not you would recommend **your** state accepting this plan for expanding Medicaid.

Here is an argument in favor of your state accepting this plan for expanding Medicaid

Q20. This is a no-brainer. Many very low-income people are in genuine need and can't afford medical insurance for themselves and their children. They do not get healthcare when they need it and often end up more sick as a result. This is also bad for the state: when they get sick, poor people end up going to emergency rooms because they cannot be denied treatment there. This is very inefficient. The costs are passed on to others in the state. If the federal government is willing to cover nearly all the costs of providing Medicaid to these low-income people, our state should definitely do it. It not only helps those people, but saves us money as well.

Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing
1	2	3	4

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / Don't know
National	35.7%	39.5%	75.2%	14.6%	9.6%	24.2%	0.5%
GOP	19.6%	44.4%	64.0%	21.2%	14.2%	35.4%	0.6%

Dem.	51.4%	35.3%	86.7%	7.8%	5.0%	12.8%	0.5%
Indep.	33.7%	39.0%	72.7%	16.3%	10.6%	26.9%	0.5%
Texas	38.4%	37.9%	76.3%	15.1%	8.2%	23.3%	0.5%
GOP	20.4%	49.5%	69.9%	20.8%	9.2%	30.0%	0.0%
Dem.	54.7%	29.3%	84.0%	9.3%	6.5%	15.8%	0.3%
North Carolina	42.4%	29.4%	71.8%	18.8%	9.4%	28.2%	0.0%
GOP	21.8%	39.5%	61.3%	26.1%	12.6%	38.7%	0.0%
Dem.	62.8%	25.7%	88.5%	8.9%	2.7%	11.6%	0.0%
Florida	34.4%	41.1%	75.5%	12.8%	11.3%	24.1%	0.4%
GOP	20.3%	44.7%	65.0%	21.7%	12.4%	34.1%	0.9%
Dem.	48.6%	38.3%	86.9%	5.7%	7.2%	12.9%	0.2%
Ohio	35.9%	41.4%	77.3%	13.8%	8.6%	22.4%	0.3%
GOP	21.2%	47.0%	68.2%	18.5%	13.1%	31.6%	0.2%
Dem.	51.5%	34.7%	86.2%	9.8%	3.5%	13.3%	0.5%
Virginia	42.6%	34.6%	77.2%	12.0%	10.7%	22.7%	0.1%
GOP	19.0%	37.2%	56.2%	22.2%	21.6%	43.8%	0.0%
Dem.	59.8%	34.2%	94.0%	3.9%	1.9%	5.8%	0.2%
California	35.2%	43.7%	78.9%	11.9%	8.9%	20.8%	0.4%
GOP	18.1%	47.1%	65.2%	15.6%	18.4%	34.0%	0.8%
Dem.	50.4%	38.0%	88.4%	6.5%	4.6%	11.1%	0.5%
Maryland	45.6%	35.4%	81.0%	12.6%	5.9%	18.5%	0.5%
GOP	20.8%	46.6%	67.4%	23.3%	8.2%	31.5%	1.3%
Dem.	59.2%	30.8%	90.0%	6.5%	3.1%	9.6%	0.4%
New York	35.6%	42.3%	77.9%	12.4%	9.1%	21.5%	0.5%
GOP	16.7%	45.5%	62.2%	18.0%	18.3%	36.3%	1.4%
Dem.	45.4%	40.7%	86.1%	7.0%	6.5%	13.5%	0.4%

Here is an argument against your state accepting this plan for expanding Medicaid

Q21. Our state should not be enticed into taking on this new responsibility. While the federal government covers the cost at first, our state will have a whole new ongoing obligation after 2016. We cannot be certain that the federal government will not cut back later and leave us holding the bag. In a bad economic year, the state's amount would go way up. This would either drive up taxes or crowd out spending for other state priorities-- education, transportation, and other social services.

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	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / Don't know
National	17.4%	36.7%	54.1%	27.3%	18.1%	45.4%	0.5%
 GOP	27.3%	42.8%	70.1%	21.5%	7.6%	29.1%	0.8%
Dem.	8.6%	30.7%	39.3%	31.7%	28.6%	60.3%	0.4%
Indep.	16.8%	37.4%	54.2%	29.5%	16.1%	45.6%	0.2%
Texas	17.0%	31.5%	48.5%	29.7%	21.9%	51.6%	0.0%
 GOP	25.7%	41.6%	67.3%	21.7%	11.0%	32.7%	0.0%
Dem.	11.1%	22.0%	33.1%	36.8%	30.1%	66.9%	0.0%
North Carolina	14.5%	32.2%	46.7%	26.9%	26.0%	52.9%	0.4%
 GOP	26.8%	44.0%	70.8%	19.2%	8.8%	28.0%	1.3%
Dem.	6.2%	22.7%	28.9%	30.3%	40.7%	71.0%	0.0%
Florida	17.4%	36.0%	53.4%	24.4%	21.7%	46.1%	0.6%
 GOP	26.0%	39.6%	65.6%	21.6%	11.4%	33.0%	1.4%
Dem.	10.1%	30.7%	40.8%	26.6%	32.4%	59.0%	0.2%
Ohio	15.5%	40.3%	55.8%	27.9%	16.2%	44.1%	0.1%
 GOP	25.4%	44.1%	69.5%	20.7%	9.8%	30.5%	0.0%
Dem.	8.4%	33.9%	42.3%	32.7%	24.7%	57.4%	0.4%
Virginia	17.6%	32.7%	50.3%	28.6%	20.5%	49.1%	0.6%
 GOP	34.1%	35.9%	70.0%	22.1%	7.2%	29.3%	0.6%
Dem.	6.1%	30.4%	36.5%	32.3%	31.2%	63.5%	0.0%
California	17.5%	38.3%	55.8%	25.2%	18.6%	43.8%	0.4%
 GOP	27.7%	40.8%	68.5%	25.8%	5.6%	31.4%	0.0%

Dem.	7.9%	37.0%	44.9%	25.2%	29.1%	54.3%	0.8%
Maryland	14.6%	34.3%	48.9%	28.0%	22.7%	50.7%	0.4%
GOP	17.9%	49.8%	67.7%	23.8%	7.7%	31.5%	0.8%
Dem.	12.4%	24.0%	36.4%	32.2%	31.1%	63.3%	0.3%
New York	14.2%	34.3%	48.5%	30.7%	19.8%	50.5%	0.9%
GOP	23.5%	43.8%	67.3%	21.9%	7.1%	29.0%	3.7%
Dem.	6.2%	30.4%	36.6%	37.5%	25.9%	63.4%	0.0%

[Q22] Now, having considered these different perspectives on the federal government's plan for expanding Medicaid, would you recommend that your state:

- 1 Accept the plan
- 2 Not accept the plan

	Accept the plan	Not accept the plan	Refused/ Don't know
National	64.1%	35.2%	0.7%
GOP	42.8%	56.4%	0.8%
Dem.	83.9%	15.5%	0.6%
Indep.	63.4%	35.8%	0.8%
Texas	67.0%	31.9%	1.1%
GOP	46.7%	52.3%	1.0%
Dem.	85.0%	13.6%	1.4%
North Carolina	66.3%	33.5%	0.2%
GOP	44.1%	55.9%	0.0%
Dem.	87.7%	11.8%	0.5%
Florida	66.7%	32.5%	0.8%
GOP	47.4%	52.6%	0.0%
Dem.	87.5%	11.5%	1.0%
Ohio	65.0%	34.4%	0.5%
GOP	46.7%	52.1%	1.2%
Dem.	83.5%	16.5%	0.0%
Virginia	68.9%	30.5%	0.6%

GOP	39.3%	60.1%	0.6%
Dem.	91.6%	7.9%	0.6%
California	68.3%	30.9%	0.8%
GOP	45.5%	53.0%	1.5%
Dem.	84.2%	15.2%	0.6%
Maryland	68.1%	29.6%	2.3%
GOP	42.7%	56.9%	0.4%
Dem.	83.4%	13.7%	2.8%
New York	68.4%	30.9%	0.7%
GOP	45.0%	54.0%	1.0%
Dem.	82.3%	17.5%	0.2%