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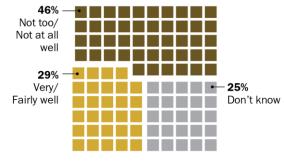
22% of Uninsured Have Visited Online Exchanges

A few weeks after the launch of the state-level online health insurance exchanges that are a cornerstone of the Affordable Care Act, the public's impression is that it has been a bumpy launch. About three-in-ten Americans (29%) say the online health insurance exchanges are working very or fairly well while 46% say they are not.

The national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted Oct. 9-13 among 1,504 adults, finds that awareness of the exchanges has increased significantly over the past

Bumpy Launch for Health Insurance Exchanges

How well are online health insurance exchanges working?



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month. In early September, barely half (51%) knew that exchanges were going to be available in their state; that has risen to nearly two-thirds (65%) today.

Nationwide, 14% of adults report having visited an exchange, and another 23% say they intend to. These figures are higher among the 18% who say they currently do not have health insurance: 22% of uninsured Americans have already visited a site, and another 42% say they intend to do so.

One-in-Seven Have Visited Health Care Exchanges

	Health insurance				
	Total	Insured	Un- insured		
Visited exchanges?	%	%	%		
Yes, have visited	14	12	22		
No, will visit	23	19	42		
No, do not plan to visit	59	65	31		
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>		
	100	100	100		
Ν	1,504	1,313	181		
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So far, most of the visitors to the exchange websites are people who have insurance: 41% of exchange visitors have employer-provided insurance, and another 15% are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or another government program. Some 10% of exchange visitors are self-insured, and 29% of visitors are uninsured. Most (58%) who have visited the sites say they went just to learn more about the exchanges, while 32% say they were looking for health care options for themselves or their families.

Despite offering critical evaluations of how well the exchanges are working, many of the sites' actual visitors report that they did not face significant problems. Among those who have visited an exchange website, more say the exchanges *overall* are not working well by a 56%-37% margin. Yet when asked about their own experience on an exchange website, a 56% majority say they personally found the site to be very or fairly easy to use, while 40% say it was difficult to use.

So Far, Most Exchange Site Users Just Learning About Exchanges

What is your main source of	General public	Exchange visitors*
What is your main source of health coverage?	• %	%
Currently insured	81	70
Through employer	41	41
Medicare/Medicaid/Other gov	25	15
Self-purchased	8	10
Other	6	4
Currently uninsured	18	29
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	100	100
Why did you go to exchange?		
To look at insurance options		32
Just to learn about exchanges		58
Both		7
Don't know		3
<i>Did you find the online insurance website</i>		
Very/Fairly easy to use		56
Very/Fairly difficult to use		40
Don't know		4
Ν	1,504	195

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*Based on those who have visited any of the online health insurance exchange websites.

More Know Exchanges are Available

Today, 65% say that an exchange is available to people in their state, up 14-points from September. Another 12% say that there is not an exchange in their state, and 23% are uncertain.

Increased awareness is evident across-theboard, though a substantial party gap persists. Today 71% of Democrats say an exchange is available in their state, compared with 58% of Republicans.

Awareness of the exchanges remains significantly lower in states that have decided against state involvement in the exchanges and that, as a result, have exchanges that are being run by the federal government. In the 27 states that have federally-run programs, 59% are

Growing Awareness of Exchanges

	Is a health care exchang available in your state?			
	Sept	Oct	Diff	
	%	%		
Total	51	65	+14	
Republican	40	58	+18	
Democrat	63	71	+8	
Independent	48	66	+18	
Currently have insurance	51	66	+15	
Not insured	50	59	+9	
State health care exchange is				
State-based* (24 states)	59	72	+13	
Federal-run (27 states)	44	59	+15	
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PEW RESEARCH CENTER Oct. 9-13 2013. Q/4. *Includes state-federal partnerships (state data from <u>Kaiser</u> <u>Family Foundation</u>. See appendix for details). Sept. survey asked if an exchange *will be* available in your state.

aware that an exchange is available in their state. In the 24 states (including D.C.) with state-based health care exchanges or state-federal partnerships, 72% are aware than an exchange is available.

Among uninsured Americans, 59% now say an exchange is available in their state, up from 50% a month ago. Yet there is no shift in the share of uninsured who say they plan to get insurance because of the new law that requires individuals to sign up by the end of the year.

Most uninsured Americans (65%) say they plan to get health insurance over the course of the next six months, but just 26% say this is because of the new health care law while 38% say they had planned to get insurance anyway. These proportions are little changed from last month.

No Shift in Plans to Get Insurance

	Sept	Oct
Among those who are uninsured	%	%
Plan to get insurance within the next six months	63	65
Because of law	26	26
Planning to get anyway	33	38
Other/DK	3	1
Do not plan to get insurance	32	24
DK planning to get insurance	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>
	100	100
Ν	201	181
PEW RESEARCH CENTER Oct. 9-13 2013 uninsured.	3. Q72-73.	. Based on

Broad Impression that Exchanges Aren't Working

Public views of how the health insurance exchanges are working are, on balance, negative: 46% say they are working not too (23%), or not at all (24%), well; just 29% say they are working very (7%) or fairly (22%) well.

But views of the exchanges vary across groups. Young people and those with annual household incomes of less than \$30,000 are divided in their evaluations of the exchanges, while the assessments of older and more affluent Americans are more negative.

By about two-to-one, whites have a more negative (52%) than positive (24%) impression of the health insurance exchanges. Black opinions are considerably more positive: 51% say the exchanges are working well, while just a quarter (25%) say they are not.

And while a plurality of Democrats (44%) say the exchanges are working well, that compares with just 25% of independents and only 14% of Republicans.

Assessments are somewhat more positive in states with state-based health care exchanges (32% say exchanges are working well) than in those where these exchanges are being run by the federal government (26% say working well).

How Well are the Online Health Insurance Exchanges Working?

	Very/ Fairly well	Not too/ Not at al well	
	%	%	%
Total	29	46	25=100
18-29	37	37	27=100
30-49	28	45	27=100
50-64	24	56	20=100
65+	28	45	27=100
White	24	52	24=100
Black	51	25	25=100
Hispanic	31	40	29=100
Family income			
\$75,000 or more	24	53	23=100
\$30k-\$75,000	27	52	21=100
Less than \$30,000	36	38	26=100
Republican	14	63	24=100
Democrat	44	32	24=100
Independent	25	49	26=100
Currently insured	29	46	25=100
Currently uninsured	25	49	25=100
Visited health care exchanges?			
Yes	37	56	7=100
No	28	44	28=100
State health care exchange is			
State-based* (24 states)	32	43	25=100
Federal-run (27 states)	26	49	25=100
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*Includes state-federal partnerships (state data from <u>Kaiser</u> <u>Family Foundation</u>. See appendix for details).

And although those who have visited the exchanges are more likely to provide an evaluation for how well they are working, the balance of opinion among this group is little different than among the overall public. Even though most report that they found the exchanges easy to use, by a 56% to 37% margin exchange users say the overall program is not working well.

Visiting the Exchange Websites

Although only 14% say they have already visited one of the exchange websites, an additional 23% say they think they will do so in the next few months. Those without health insurance are more likely than those with insurance to have already visited (22% vs. 12%) or to plan to do so (42% vs. 19%) in the coming months.

		I	No		
	Yes	Plan to	Don't plan to	DK	N
	%	%	%	%	
Total	14	23	59	4=100	150
Currently insured	12	19	65	3=100	131
Through employer	14	21	64	1=100	665
Medicare/Medicaid/other gov't	8	17	70	5=100	436
Self-purchased	18	28	49	4=100	133
Currently uninsured	22	42	31	5=100	181

Among insured Americans, those who purchase their own health insurance individually are more interested in the exchanges than those who have insurance through an employer or the government. Among the self-insured, who represent 8% of all respondents, 46% either have already visited (18%) or plan to visit (28%) the exchanges. This compares to 35% of people who have employer-provided health insurance and just 25% of those who receive coverage through a government program such as Medicare or Medicaid. But even among the uninsured who plan to visit the sites, many are not yet seriously thinking of the exchanges as a health insurance option. While 64% of uninsured Americans either have visited or plan to visit an exchange website, only 33% say they are looking at health insurance

Many Exchange Users "Just Looking"

		Health insurance?			
	Total	Insured	Uninsured		
	%	%	%		
NET Have visited/Plan to visit	37	31	64		
To look at options for your family	15	12	33		
Just to learn about the exchanges	21	19	29		
Don't know why will visit	1	1	2		
Do not plan to visit/DK	<u>63</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>36</u>		
	100	100	100		
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options for themselves and their families. Nearly as many (29%) say they have visited or plan to visit the sites but only to learn about the exchanges, not to look at options for themselves.

No Change in Views of the ACA

Public assessments of the 2010 health care law are virtually unchanged from last month. Currently, 41% of Americans approve of the law, while 52% disapprove. The balance was 42% to 53% <u>a month ago</u>. The survey, was conducted in the midst of the government shutdown, which was prompted in part

Views of Health Care Law Unchanged

	Septe	September		October		
	Approve	Dis- approve	Approve	Dis- approve	Change in approve	
	%	%	%	%		
Total	42	53	41	52	-1	
Republican	11	87	8	85	-3	
Democrat	75	20	75	18	0	
Independent	36	58	35	58	-1	
		12 2012 00	- 0			

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by opposition to the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Appendix: Health Insurance Exchanges by State

The health care law establishes exchanges in all 50 states and Washington DC; 27 states have decided not to create their own exchanges and will default to a federal exchange. Of the remaining 24 (including Washington, DC), 17 are creating state-based exchanges, while 7 are creating state-federal partnership exchanges.

<u>States with federal exchanges</u>: AL, AK, AZ, FL, GA, IN, KS, LA, ME, MS, MO, MT, NE, NJ, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WY

<u>States with state-based exchanges</u>: CA, CO, CT, DC, HI, ID, KY, MD, MA, MN, NV, NM, NY, OR, RI, VT, WA

<u>States with state/federal partnership exchanges</u>: AR, DE, IL, IA, MI, NH, WV

For the analysis in this report, states with state/federal partnerships are grouped with states with state-based exchanges.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation: <u>http://kff.org/health-reform/state-indicator/health-insurance-exchanges/</u>.

About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted October 9-13, 2013 among a national sample of 1,504 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (752 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 752 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 407 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by Abt SRBI. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see http://people-press.org/methodology/

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2011 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status and relative usage of landline and cell phones (for those with both), based on extrapolations from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting. The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus
Total sample	1,504	2.9 percentage points
Republican	405	5.7 percentage points
Democrat	475	5.2 percentage points
Independent	550	4.9 percentage points
Currently insured	1,313	3.1 percentage points
Currently uninsured	181	8.5 percentage points
Visited health exchange website	195	8.2 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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QUESTIONS 1-2, 5, 6, 9-11, 18-21, 25-28, 32-33, 35-37, 44-46, 51-52, 81 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 7-8, 17, 22-24, 29-31, 34, 38-43, 47-50, 53-55, 61, 63-68 QUESTIONS 12-16, 56-60, 62 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.69 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

Mar 7-11, 201247458Jan 5-9, 2011414811Nov 4-7, 2010434710Sep 9-12, 2010384517Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010444610Jul 8-11, 2010354717	Oct 9-13, 2013 Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 ¹ Jun 7-17, 2012 Apr 4-15, 2012	Approve 41 42 47 43 41	<u>Disapprove</u> 52 53 43 48 49	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> 7 5 9 9 10
Apr 1-5, 2010 40 44 16	Mar 7-11, 2012	47	45	8
	Jan 5-9, 2011	41	48	11
	Nov 4-7, 2010	43	47	10
	Sep 9-12, 2010	38	45	17
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	46	10
	Jul 8-11, 2010	35	47	17

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?²

Mar 11-21, 2010 Mar 10-14, 2010	Generally <u>favor</u> 40 38	Generally <u>oppose</u> 47 48	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> 13 13
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	48 50	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	48	13
Dec 9-13, 2009	35	48	17
Nov 12-15, 2009	42	39	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	47	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	34	47	19
Sep 10-15, 2009	42	44	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	39	46	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	44	18

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Prior to September 2013, the question asked about "the health care legislation." In addition, the reference to when the "law was passed has changed over time: January 2011 referenced the legislation passed "last year," November 2010 used "earlier this year," September through July, 2010 used "in March," and April 2010 used "last month." From December 9-13, 2009 and earlier, questions asked about "health care proposals" rather than "health care bills."

ASK ALL:

Q.70 Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or are you not covered at this time? **[READ IF NECESSARY:** A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid]

ASK IF COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE (Q.70=1):

Q.71 What is your main source of health coverage? **[PAUSE]** Do you have a plan through an employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or Medicaid, some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: DO NOT NEED TO READ FULL LIST IF R VOLUNTEERS, BUT READ RESPONSE CATEGORY TO VERIFY IF LANGUAGE IS DIFFERENT]**

		(U)						
Oct		Sep	Jan	Dec	Oct 28-	Sep 30-	Jul	Jun
9-13		4-8	6-10	9-13	Nov 8	Oct 4	22-26	10-14
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2010</u>	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
81	Covered by health insurance	81	83	83	80	80	81	81
41	Plan through an employer		46			48	45	
8	Plan you purchased yourself		9			8	9	
15	Medicare		16			13	14	
4	Medicaid		4			4	3	
5	Other government program		5			4	4	
6	Somewhere else		3			3	4	
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)		1			1	1	
18	Not covered by health insurance	19	17	16	20	20	19	18
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

ASK IF UNINSURED (Q.70=2):

Q.72 In the next six months, do you plan to get health insurance for yourself, or not?

ASK IF UNINSURED AND PLAN TO GET INSURANCE (Q.72=1):

Q.73 And do you plan to get health insurance in the next six months because of the new health care law, or is this something you were planning to get anyway? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

BASED ON UNINSURED [N=181]:

Oct 9-13 2013 65 26 38	Yes, plan to get health insurance Planning to get health insurance because of law	(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u> 63 26 33
1	Was planning to get health insurance anyway Other (VOL.)	3
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*
24	No, do not	32
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

ASK ALL:

Q.74 As you may know, as part of the 2010 health care law the government has set up health insurance exchanges around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. From what you've read and heard is there a health insurance exchange available to people in your state, or not?

		(U)
Oct 9-13		Sep 4-8
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u> ³
65	Yes, there will be an exchange	51
12	No, there won't be an exchange	16
23	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	34

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In Sep 4-8, 2013 survey, question asked: "As you may know, health insurance exchanges are being set up around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. From what you've read and heard will one of these health insurance exchanges be available to people in your state, or not?"

ASK ALL:

Q.75 Just your impression, how well have the online health insurance exchanges been working?

Oct 9-13

- <u>2013</u>
- 7 Very well
- 22 Fairly well
- 23 Not too well24 Not at all well
- 25 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

ASK ALL:

Q.76 Have you visited any of these online health insurance exchanges, such as healthcare.gov, or haven't you done this?

ASK IF 'VISITED' (Q.76=1):

Q.78 Did you go to the exchanges to look at health insurance options for you and your family or just to learn about the exchanges?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Yes

Oct 9-13

- <u>2013</u>
- 14
 - 4 To look at options for you and your family
 - 8 Just to learn about the exchanges
 - 1 Both **(VOL.)**
 - * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 84 No
- 1 Tried to but could not access (VOL.)
- 1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF 'NO', 'TRIED' OR 'DON'T KNOW' (Q.76=2,3,9):

Q.77 Do you think you will visit one of these online exchanges in the next few months, or not?

ASK IF 'YES' (Q.77=1):

Q.77A And, will this be to look at health insurance options for you and your family, or just to learn about the exchanges?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Oct 9-13

- <u>2013</u>
- 23 Yes, will
- 10 To look at health insurance options for you and your family
- 13 Just to learn about the exchanges
- 1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 59 No, will not visit
- 4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 14 Already visited exchanges (Q.76=1)

ASK IF 'VISITED' (Q.76=1) [N=195]:

Q.79 Did you find the online exchange website to be [READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR 1/2 SAMPLE]?

Oct 9-13

2013

- 17 Very easy to use
- 39 Fairly easy [OR]
- 19 Fairly difficult [OR]
- 20 Very difficult to use
- 4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 80

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent? ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>		Independent			<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32 32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26		38	3	1 *	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29 33	46	3 3	*	2 2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23 25	33	39 37	2	1	2	17	15 16
May 1-5, 2013 Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	34	2 3	1	3	14 14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	20	33	41	2	1 *	2	14	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	22	32	38	2	*	2	15	19
Dec 17-19, 2012	23	32	38	4	*	4	15	10
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	14
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012		34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	20	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Yearly Totals	21	33	50	2		2		10
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997 1996	28.0 28.9	33.4 33.9	32.0 31.8	4.0 3.0	.4 .4	2.3 2.0	12.2 12.1	14.1 14.9
1995	28.9 31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.4 .6	2.0 1.3	15.1	14.9
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	.0	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34					
1987	26	35	39					

ASK ALL:

TEAPARTY2

From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

Oct 9-13, 2013 Jul 17-21, 2013 Jun 12-16, 2013	<u>Agree</u> 19 18 22	Disagree 32 25 29	46 52 46	heard of 2 4 2	Refused 2 1 2	<i>Not heard of/ <u>DK</u> </i>
May 23-26, 2013	17	20	56	3	4	

TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

ARTYZ CONTINUED						
				(VOL.)		Not
			No opinion	Haven't		heard of/
	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>either way</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Refused</u>	<u>DK</u>
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26	52	2	1	
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	
Feb 2-7, 2011 ⁴	22	22	53	2	2	
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	
Oct 27-30, 2010 <i>(RVs)</i>	29	25	32		1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30		1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32		1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37		1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30		*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31		1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29		1	31

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In the February 2-7, 2011 survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."