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N = 1000 National Likely Voters

Margin of Error: +/-3.1%

About the Research:

This survey was conducted January 3-5, 2017, by GS Strategy Group on behalf of America Action Network. The survey consists of interviews of 1,000 likely voters nationwide and has a margin of error of +/-3.1% at a 95% confidence interval. Quotas were set by geography, race, gender and age to reflect historic trends. Forty percent of the interviews were conducted by cell phone. The self-identified party registration/affiliation of the respondents was 36.4% Democrat, 34.5% Republican, and 24.2% Independent.

Key Findings:

- Respondents do not support Obamacare, they think it is driving up health care costs, and a majority (54%) want it repealed or major changes made to it versus 43% who only want minor changes or to leave it as is.
- Nearly 70% of respondents support repeal of ACA with a realistic, modest transition period and letting people keep their coverage while they wait for the new law to be in place. Even Democrats support this by a 48/43 margin. Additionally, respondents disagree with the Democratic claim that if Republicans repeal the ACA that it will make America sick again.
- When read a description of broad principles of a Republican plan versus the current realities of Obamacare, respondents support repealing Obamacare and replacing it with a House Republican plan by a 63/27 margin. Support for the plan is especially strong among independents in which 68% of them favor it and more than a third of Democrats support it.

- Respondents support Republican efforts to continue important patient protections such as requiring insurance companies to cover preexisting conditions (92% Favor) and allowing children to stay on their parents plan until they are 26 (79% Favor).
- Respondents overwhelmingly support individual elements of a possible Republican plan such as requiring providers to have more transparency in pricing (91%), allowing small businesses to form pools to purchase insurance (89%), allowing insurance companies to sell insurance across state lines (85%), speeding innovation and cutting bureaucracy at the NIH (80%), strengthening Medicare (76%), offering a tax credit (76%), and having medical malpractice reforms (75%).
- Support for the Republican plan is bolstered by the belief that it provides ownership of and makes insurance more portable, it is centered on what is best for the patient, and it will lower health insurance costs for families.
- When you juxtapose Republican plans versus Obamacare on key elements, respondents support the Republican plan (exchanges and minimum coverage vs. across state line and choosing plan for them, subsidy vs. tax credit).

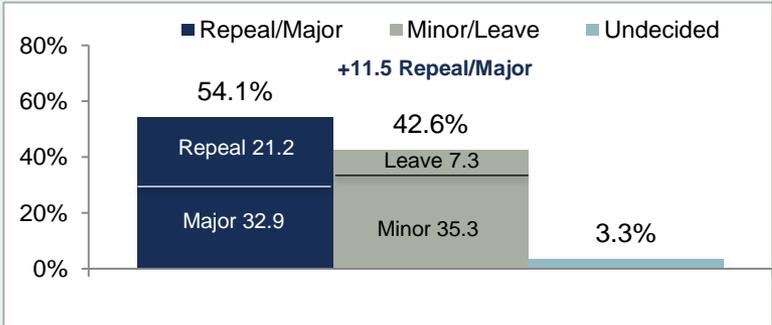
The Affordable Care Act: Image and What Should Be Done with It?

Americans do not support Obamacare and a majority want it repealed or major changes made to it.

What Should Be Done with the ACA?

When it comes to Obamacare, do you believe that Congress should:

- Completely repeal it
- Make major changes to it
- Make minor changes to it
- Leave it as is



	Overall	Party			Gender		Age		
		Dem	Indy	GOP	Male	Female	18-39	40-64	65+
Repeal/Maj.	54.1	17.6	61.6	86.1	59.9	48.7	49.3	59.8	50.5
Minor/Non	42.6	78.8	36.0	10.4	37.8	47.0	47.9	37.5	44.0
Net Rep/Maj.	+11.5	-61.3	+25.6	+75.7	+22.0	+1.7	+1.4	+22.3	+6.5

The Affordable Care Act: Concerns with the Law

Dissatisfaction with Obamacare stems from the fact that Americans think it is driving up healthcare costs.

<i>Why do you oppose this law?</i>	Overall
Too Expensive / Increased The Cost Of Health Care	44.4
It Was Forced / Not A Choice	14.7
It Doesn't Work / Help	11.7
The Government Isn't Efficient / Shouldn't Be Involved	4.8
Obama Lied	3.6
Being Fined / Penalized	2.8
Current Doctor's Are Out Of The Network	2.4
It's Unfair	2.4
It Destroyed Small Business	2.2

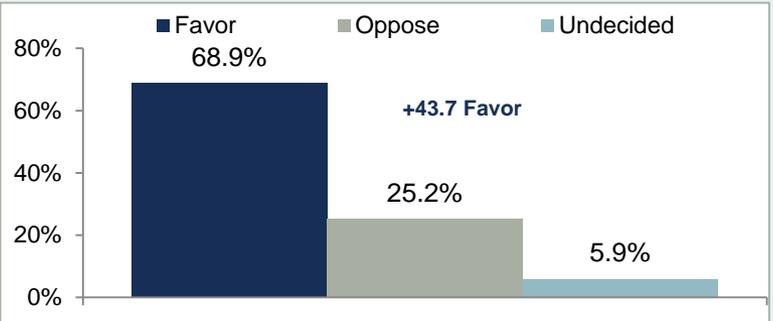
<i>The following are criticisms some have made regarding Obamacare. Which concerns you the most?</i>	Overall
It has increased the cost of health insurance for millions of Americans	21.8
It forces Americans to pay a tax penalty if they choose not to purchase health insurance coverage	16.4
It expanded the federal government's involvement in personal health care decisions	11.7
It raised taxes by \$1 trillion	7.6
It cut Medicare by \$800 billion	7.5
It has limited your ability to choose the doctor you prefer	6.6
It has decreased access to quality care	5.3
It has resulted in fewer health insurance choices for consumers	4.6
No concerns	9.5

Repealing ACA

Nearly 70% of respondents support repeal of ACA with a realistic modest transition period and letting people keep their coverage while they wait for the new law to be in place. Even Democrats support this by a 48/43 margin. Additionally, respondents disagree with the Democratic claim that if Republicans repeal the ACA that it will make America sick again.

Favor Repeal If There is a Transition?

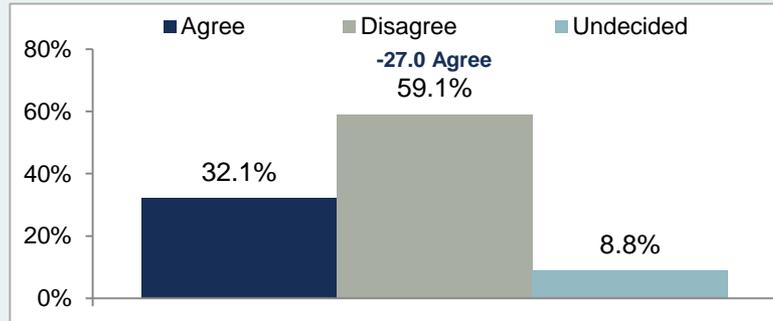
Would you favor or oppose a plan that repeals the Affordable Care Act if you knew it would establish a realistic, modest transition period to get a new system up and running, letting people keep their coverage while they wait for the new law to be in place?



	Overall	Party			Gender		Age		
		Dem	Indy	GOP	Male	Female	18-39	40-64	65+
Favor	68.9	47.8	72.3	88.4	72.8	65.3	65.8	71.3	69.5
Oppose	25.2	43.4	22.3	9.0	21.8	28.3	28.5	22.8	24.5
Net Favor	+43.7	+4.4	+50.0	+79.4	+50.9	+37.0	+37.3	+48.5	+45.0

Make America Sick Again?*

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: If Republicans repeal the Affordable Care Act, it will make America sick again.



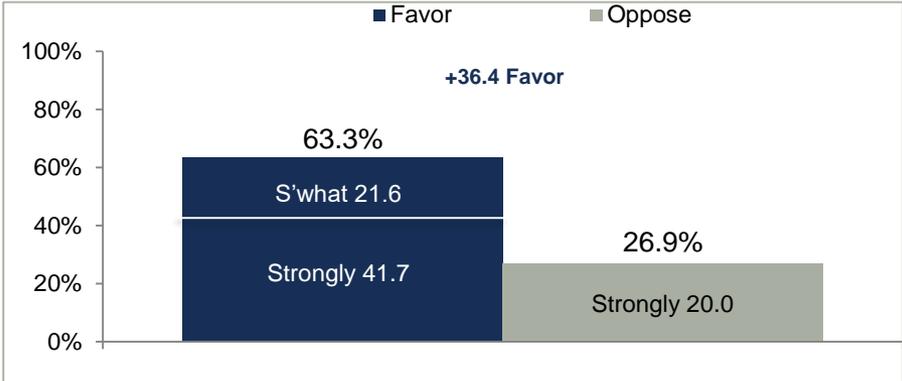
	Overall	Party			Gender		Age		
		Dem	Indy	GOP	Male	Female	18-39	40-64	65+
Agree	32.1	57.1	27.3	9.5	28.4	35.1	36.9	27.3	32.0
Disagree	59.1	30.1	64.8	85.9	65.3	53.9	55.1	65.2	54.1
Net Agree	-27.0	+27.0	-37.6	-76.3	-36.9	-18.8	-18.1	-37.9	-22.1

Repealing ACA: Support for a House Republican Plan

When read a description of broad principles of a Republican plan versus the current realities of Obamacare, respondents support repealing Obamacare and replacing it with a House Republican plan by a 63/27 margin. Support for the plan is especially strong among independents in which 68% of them favor it and more than a third of Democrats support it.

Details of a Possible House Republican Plan

Now, let me give you some more information. Under Obamacare, millions of Americans have seen large, double digit increases in health insurance costs. The law has also put vast bureaucracies in charge of your health care decisions and which doctor you can see. The new House Republican plan would make health care patient focused. While repealing most of Obamacare, it would leave in place key items like allowing children to stay on their parents' plan until they are 26 and requiring health insurers to cover patients with pre-existing medical conditions. The Republican plan drives down health insurance costs for all Americans by creating more competition in the marketplace, allowing the purchase of health insurance across state lines and letting small business form insurance pools to compete for lower prices. It puts families and doctors in charge of their healthcare by providing more flexibility and eliminating expensive mandates. It paves the way for new cures by eliminating senseless regulations, and it creates a stronger Medicare system. Knowing this, would you favor or oppose repealing Obamacare and replacing it with a new House Republican health care reform law?



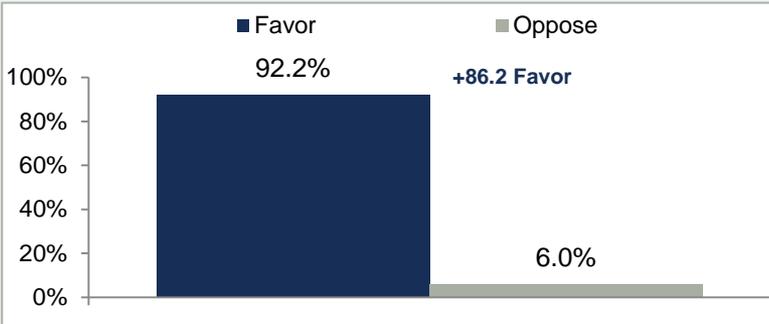
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		Dem	Indy	GOP	Male	Female	18-39	40-64	65+
Favor	63.3	36.5	67.8	88.1	66.3	60.5	60.5	67.8	58.5
Oppose	26.9	49.5	23.6	6.1	23.7	29.9	31.2	23.0	27.5
Net Favor	+36.4	-12.9	+44.2	+82.0	+42.6	+30.6	+29.3	+44.8	+31.0

Repealing ACA: What Elements Should Be Kept?

Respondents support Republican efforts to continue important patient protections such as requiring insurance companies to cover preexisting conditions and allowing children to stay on their parents plan until they are 26.

Covering Pre-existing Conditions

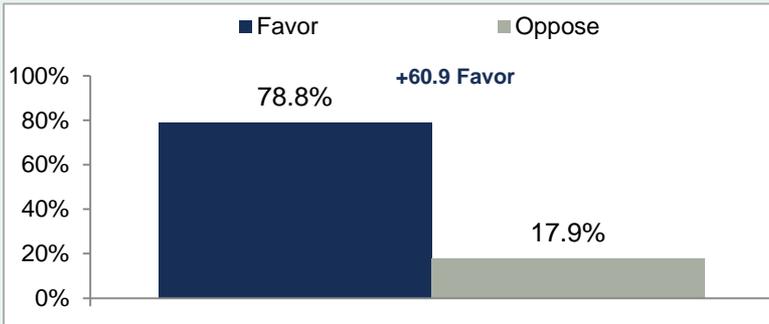
Regardless how you feel about the law as a whole, please tell me whether you favor or oppose each provision: Requiring health insurance companies to provide coverage to anyone with a pre-existing medical condition.



	Overall	Party		
		Dem	Indy	GOP
Favor	92.2	96.7	92.1	87.2
Oppose	6.0	2.2	6.2	10.1
Net Oppose	+86.2	+94.5	+86.0	+77.1

Keeping Children on Insurance Until 26

Regardless how you feel about the law as a whole, please tell me whether you favor or oppose each provision: Requiring insurance companies to cover children on their parents' health insurance plan until they are 26 years old.

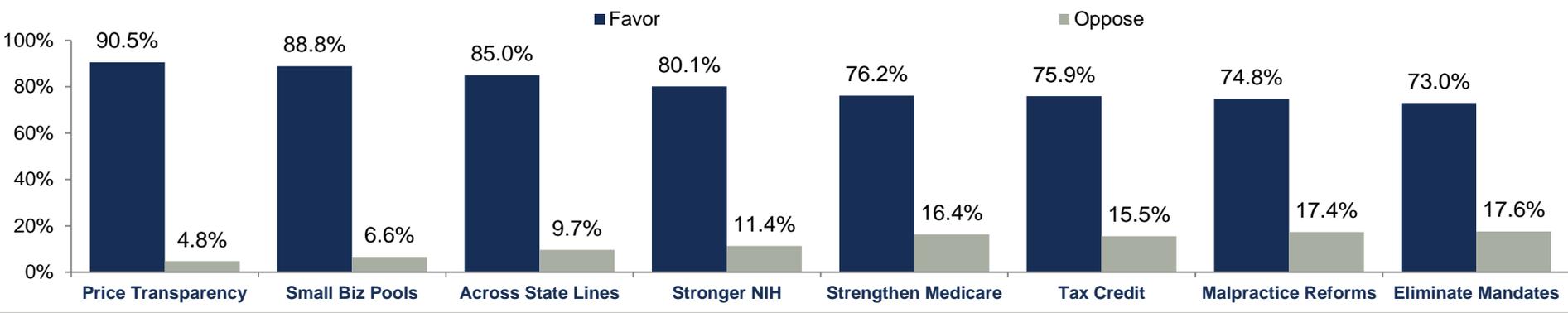


	Overall	Party		
		Dem	Indy	GOP
Favor	78.8	90.4	76.4	68.1
Oppose	17.9	7.4	21.5	26.7
Net Oppose	+60.9	+83.0	+55.0	+41.4

Repealing ACA: Elements of the New House Republican Plan

Respondents overwhelmingly support individual elements of a possible Republican plan such as requiring providers to have more transparency in pricing, allowing small businesses to form pools to purchase insurance, allowing insurance companies to sell insurance across state lines, speeding innovation and cutting bureaucracy at the NIH, strengthening Medicare, offering a tax credit, and having medical malpractice reforms.

Now I'm going to read to you some elements that have been suggested for a new House Republican health care reform law. After hearing each, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose that element



Price Transparency - Requiring health care providers like hospitals and doctors to be more transparent in the price of their procedures so patients can make more informed decisions about their own care.

Small Business Pools - Allowing small businesses to form pools to purchase health insurance together so they can increase their purchasing power so they can negotiate with insurers like big businesses do for lower prices.

Across State Lines - Allowing insurance companies to sell health insurance across state lines, creating more competition in the health insurance market, which would ultimately drive down costs and allow Americans to choose a plan that is right for them.

Stronger NIH - Speeding health innovation into the future by building a stronger National Institutes of Health, removing bureaucratic barriers to collaboration in order to accelerate drug discovery and cutting edge cures for diseases like cancer, heart disease and Alzheimer's.

Strengthen Medicare- Strengthening Medicare by providing seniors with the right to choose between buying private insurance or traditional Medicare. The current system would not change for anyone in retirement or near retirement today.

Tax Credit - Offering a refundable tax credit for those who don't have employer coverage to help buy health insurance in the individual market.

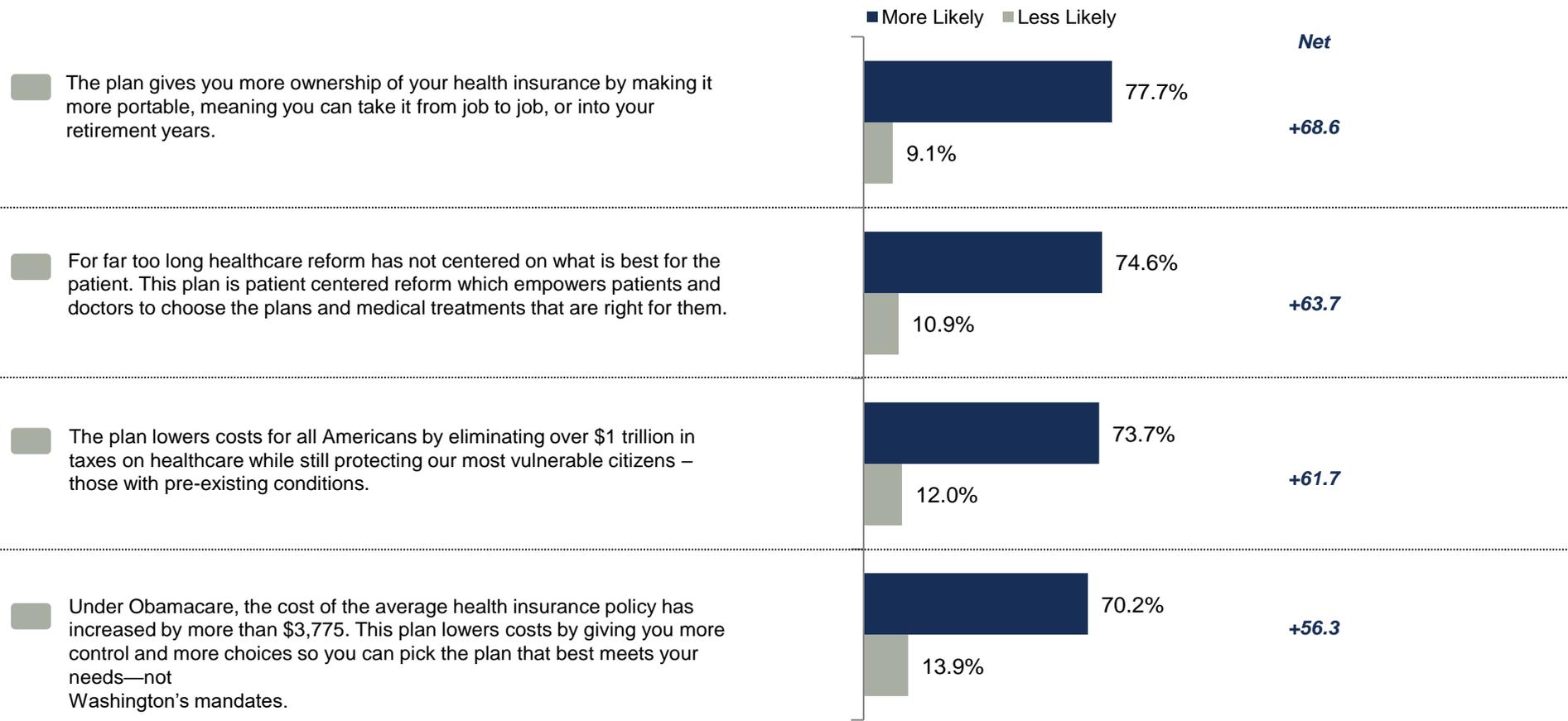
Malpractice Reforms - Enacting medical malpractice reforms that reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits, which drive up the cost of health care. A non-partisan study estimates this reform would save consumers \$55 bill per year on healthcare costs.

Eliminate Mandates - Putting patients in charge of their own health insurance purchases by eliminating expensive government mandates.

House Republican Plan Messaging

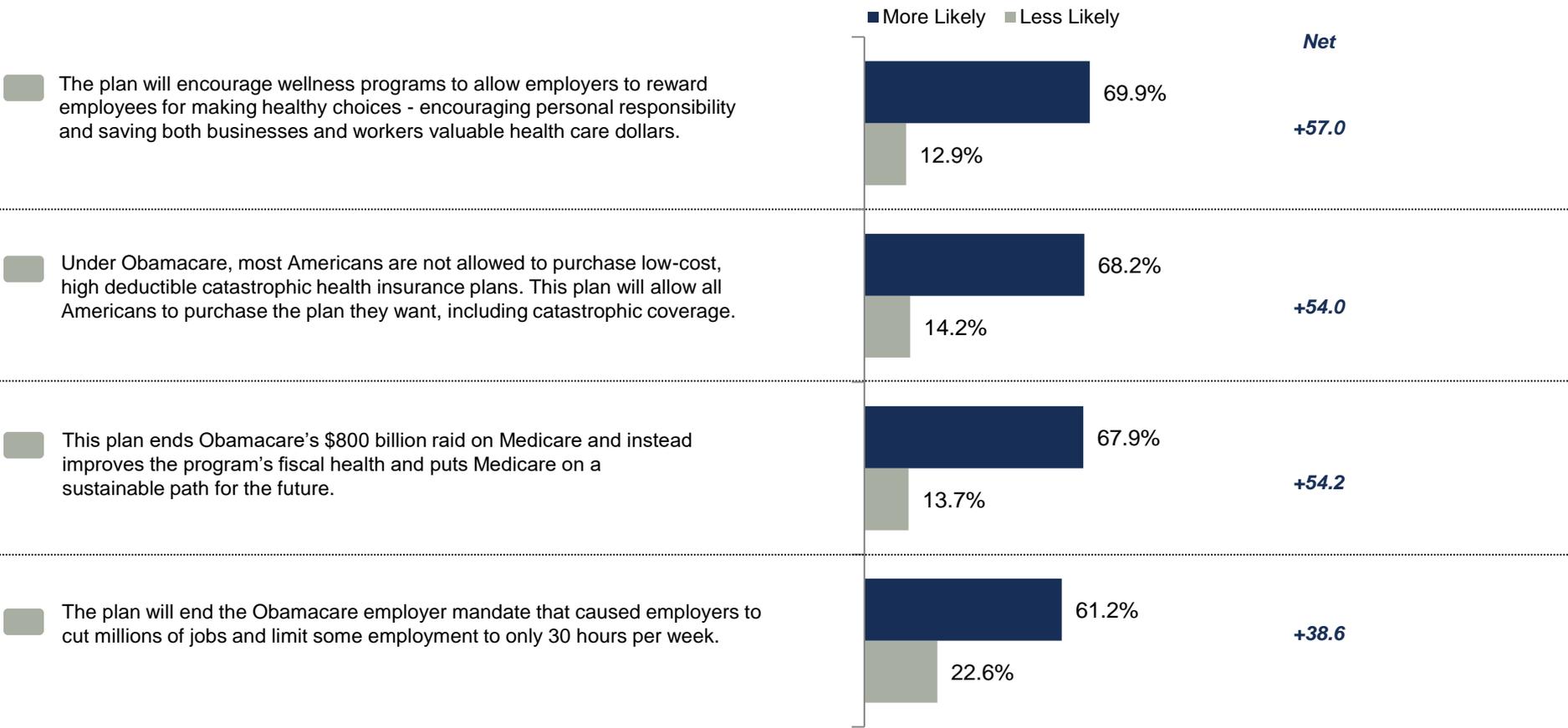
Support for the Republican plan is bolstered by the belief that it provides ownership of and makes insurance more portable, it is centered on what is best for the patient, and it will lower health insurance costs for families.

If you knew each of the following statements about a new House Republican health care reform law was true, would you be more likely or less likely to support that plan?



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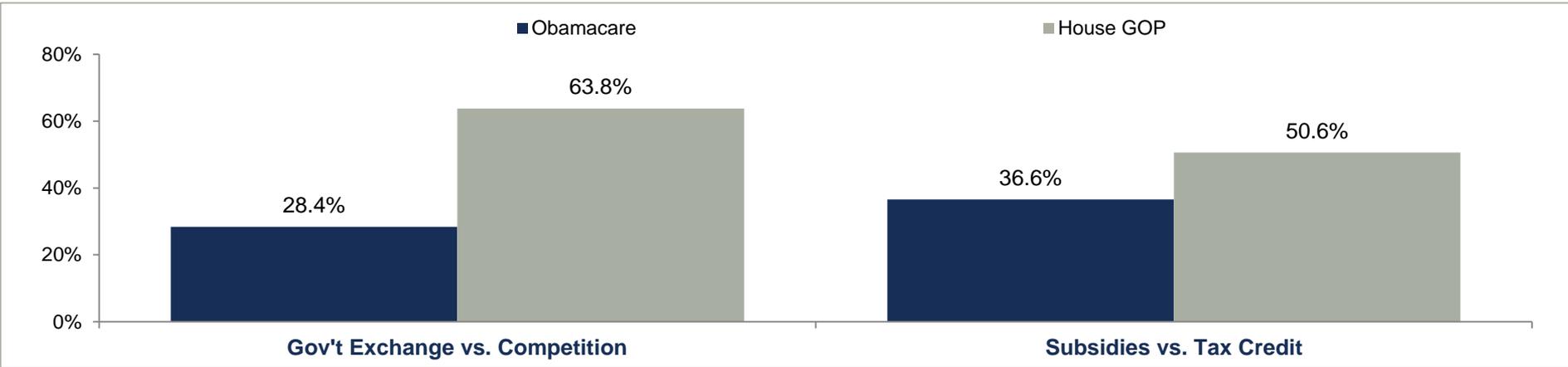
If you knew each of the following statements about a new House Republican health care reform law was true, would you be more likely or less likely to support that plan?



ACA vs. House Republican Plan

When you juxtapose Republican plans versus Obamacare on key elements, respondents support the Republican plan (exchanges and minimum coverage vs. across state line and choosing plan for them, subsidy vs. tax credit).

Obamacare and the House Republican plan have different approaches to solve the same problems. I'm going to read to you some of those differences. After hearing each, please tell me which approach you prefer – Obamacare or the House Republican plan.



	Party		
	Dem	Indy	GOP
Obamacare	52.7	24.0	7.0
House GOP	34.9	69.8	89.9
Net House GOP	-17.9	+45.9	+82.9

	Party		
	Dem	Indy	GOP
Obamacare	65.4	31.8	10.1
House GOP	19.8	55.8	80.3
Net House GOP	-45.6	+24.0	+70.1

- On the issue of comparing and purchasing health insurance plans: Obamacare created state-based health insurance exchanges which included a small number of higher cost, high coverage plans that required all plans to cover minimum standards of care, like mammograms and other preventative services. The House Republican plan will expand the health insurance marketplace by allowing insurers to sell across state lines, allowing consumers the freedom to choose from multiple plans at multiple price points and giving them the freedom to choose the plan that best meets their needs;
- On the issue of government assistance on purchasing plans: Obamacare gives lower-income Americans a taxpayer funded subsidy which can be used to purchase health insurance plans. The House Republican plan would give lower-income Americans a tax credit in order to purchase health insurance plans.

THANK YOU!



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