

**Understanding the  
Role of the ACA in the  
2014 Elections**

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**Key Issues of Discussion**

- The geographic and demographic context of the 2014 election
- The political history of the ACA since enactment
- The important differences between voters' views on the ACA and public opinion
- Outcome of the election: implications for health reform

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**14 Competitive States / Open Seats  
US Senate Races – 2014**

Real Clear Politics & Charlie Cook State Ratings for U.S. Senate Races (Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia)

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### Top 10 Liberal States in US

1. Vermont
2. Massachusetts
3. Delaware
4. New York
5. Hawaii
6. Oregon
7. Maine
8. California
9. New Jersey
10. Washington

Gallup Poll, January 31, 2014.

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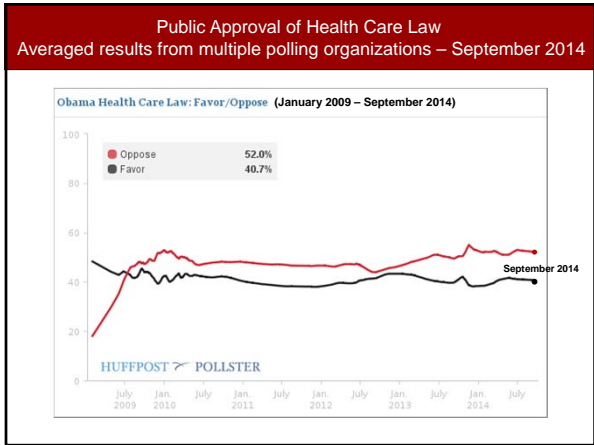
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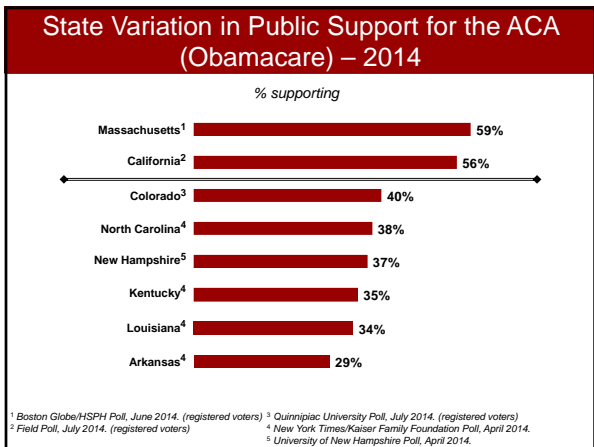
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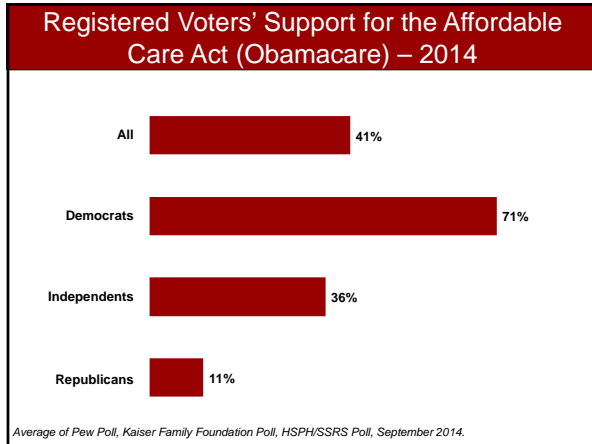
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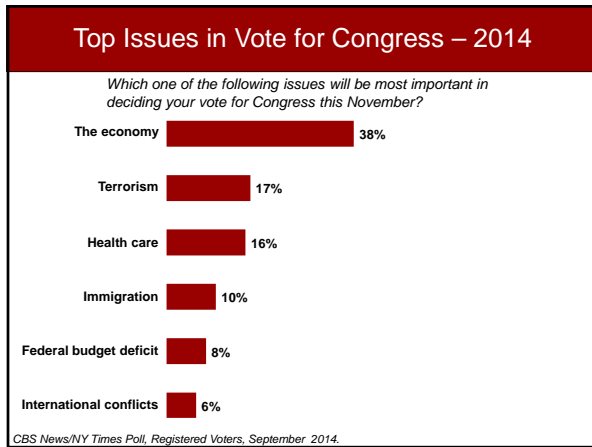
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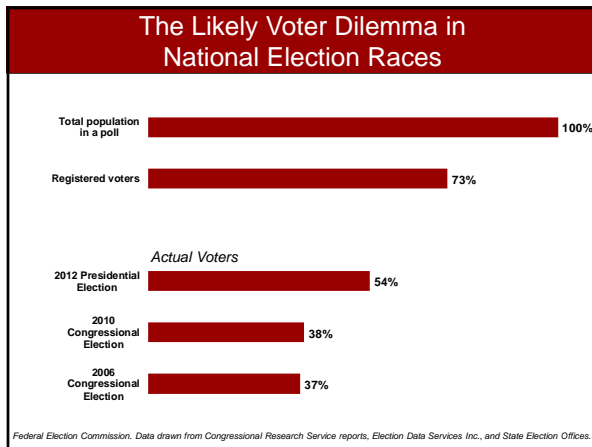
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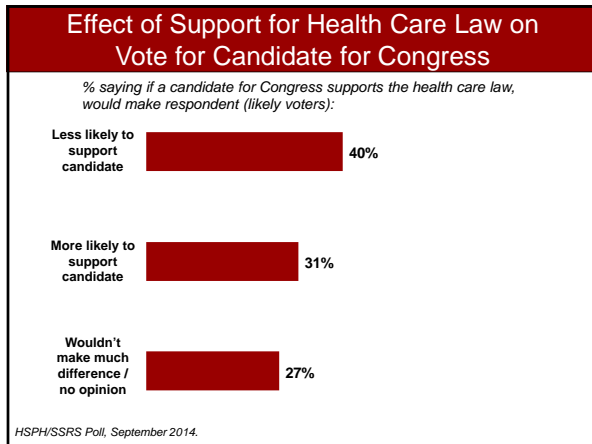
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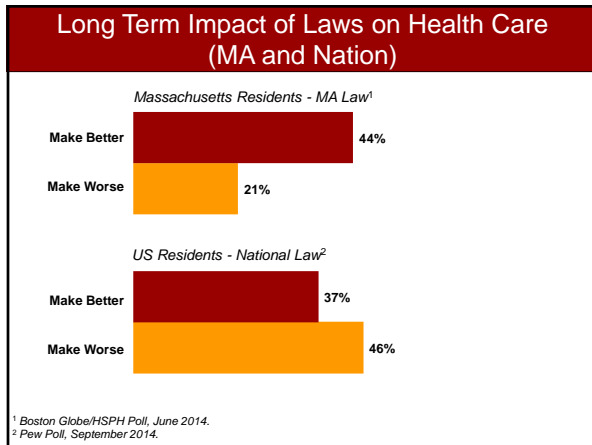
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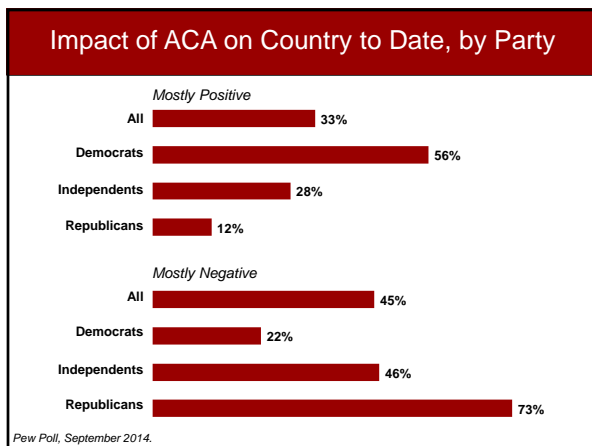
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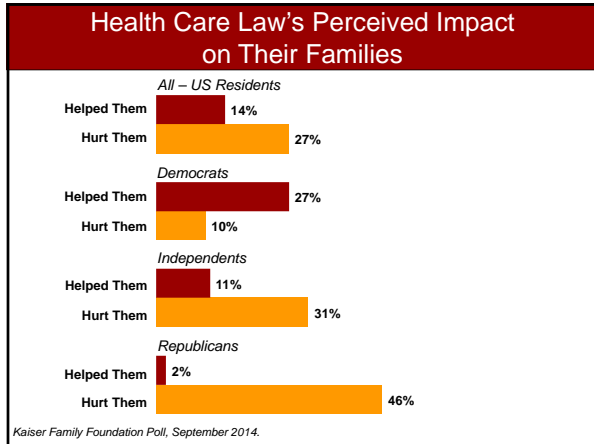
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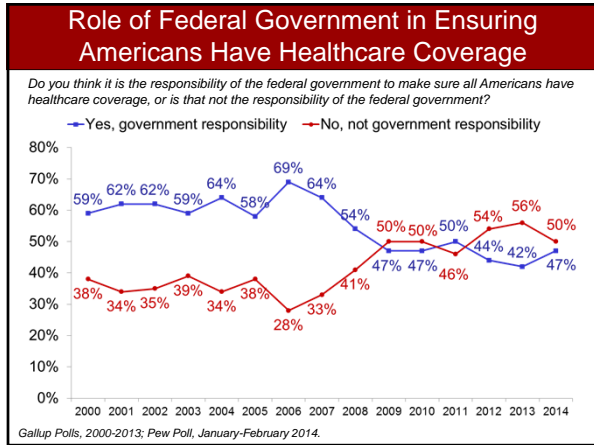
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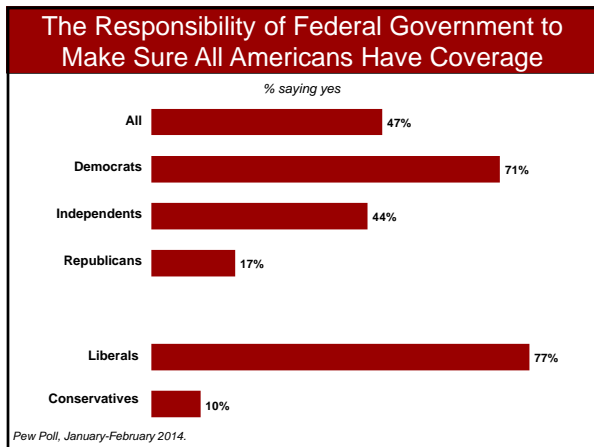
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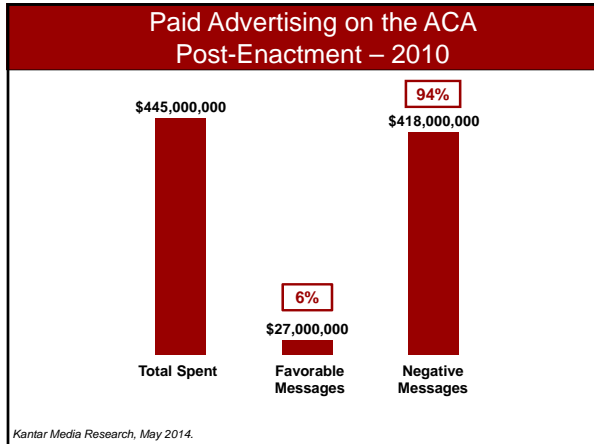
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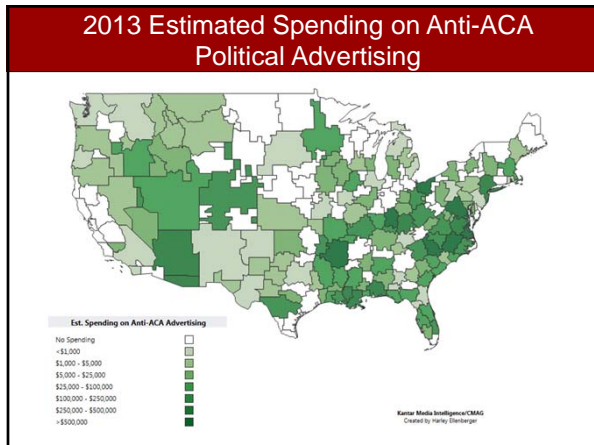
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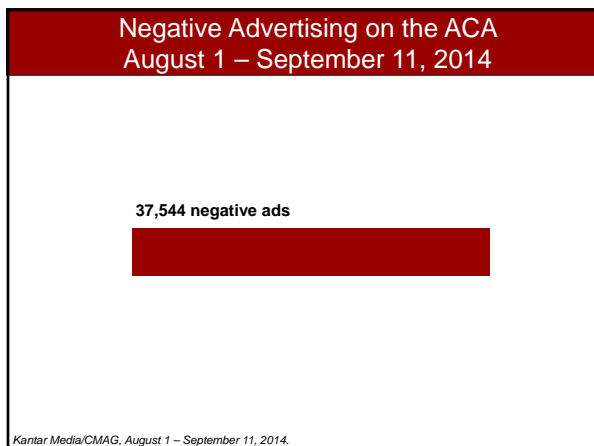
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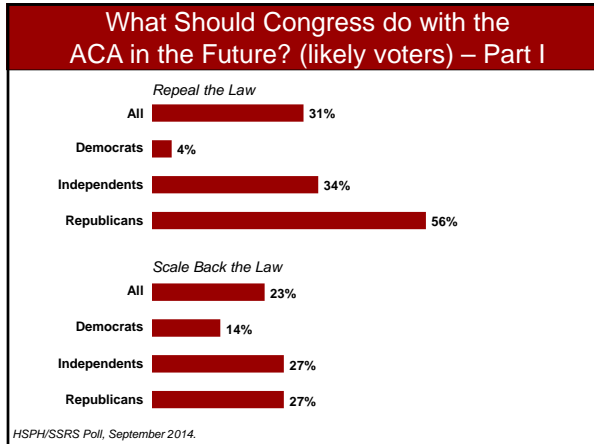
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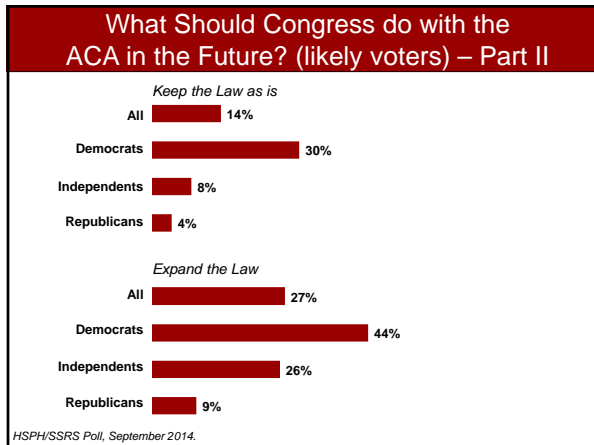
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