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USE A SCALPEL, DON'T AMPUTATE OBAMACARE, U.S. VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL; VOTERS OPPOSE FUND CUT FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD 7-1

Most American voters are satisfied with the quality and cost of their health care and say Obamacare, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) should be fixed, but not repealed, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today. And voters say 84 – 13 percent that Congress should <u>not</u> repeal the ACA until there is a replacement plan in place.

Only 16 percent of voters say President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress should repeal all of the ACA, while 51 percent say repeal parts of the law and 30 percent say don't repeal any of the ACA, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

A total of 96 percent of American voters, including 91 percent of Republicans, say it is "very important" or "somewhat important" that health insurance be affordable for all Americans.

American voter attitudes about their own health care are positive:

- A total of 82 percent are "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with the quality of their care;
- A total of 60 percent are very or somewhat satisfied with the cost of their care;
- A total of 57 percent are very or somewhat satisfied with the cost of their prescription drugs;
- Since the ACA, the quality of their health care remained the same, 65 percent say, while 13 percent say it improved and 19 percent say it got worse;
- The cost of their health care stayed the same since the ACA, 52 percent say, while 9 percent say cost improved and 35 percent say cost worsened.

A total of 59 percent of American voters are "very concerned" or "somewhat concerned" that their health insurance will not cover a large, unexpected medical expense. That concern has remained about the same since the ACA passed, 64 percent say.

"Obamacare is not a 'disaster,' suggests a vast majority of Americans who want hands off the Affordable Care Act until a sufficient alternative is in place," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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"Yes there are concerns over cost of coverage and major, unexpected illnesses, but selective changes to the current program is far more palatable to Americans than the wholesale dismantling of Obamacare," Malloy added.

Planned Parenthood

In a question with no mention of abortion, American voters oppose 62-31 percent cutting off federal funding to Planned Parenthood.

After respondents are asked, "If you knew that federal government funding to Planned Parenthood was being used only for non-abortion health issues such as breast cancer screening, would you still favor cutting off funding to Planned Parenthood," the result is 12 percent in favor of cutting funding and 80 percent opposed to a funding cut.

In this second question, no listed party, gender, educational, age or racial group supports a funding cut. Republicans oppose a Planned Parenthood funding cut 65 - 25 percent.

Offered four choices on abortion, American voter attitudes are:

- 28 percent say abortion should be legal in all cases;
- 36 percent say abortion should be legal in most cases;
- 22 percent say abortion should be illegal in most cases;
- 9 percent say abortion should be illegal in all cases.

American voters agree 70 - 26 percent with the U.S. Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision.

From January 20 - 25, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,190 voters nationwide with a margin of error of ± 2.8 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

Visit <u>poll.qu.edu</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll</u> Call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @QuinnipiacPoll. 30. Do you think President Trump and the Republicans in Congress should repeal all of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, should repeal parts of the healthcare law but keep other parts, or should not repeal any of the Affordable Care Act?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Repeal all	16%	36%	3%	13%	19%	13%	13%	22%
Repeal parts	51	58	39	57	52	51	52	57
Should not repeal	30	3	57	25	27	33	33	17
DK/NA	3	3	1	4	3	4	2	4
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Repeal all	17%	12%	19%	14%	20%	16%	18%	10%
Repeal parts	45	51	54	52	55	55	55	44
Should not repeal	37	34	25	27	23	26	24	44
DK/NA	2	2	2	6	3	3	3	2

31. If Congress decides to repeal Obamacare, do you think that Congress should repeal Obamacare as soon as possible even if they have not decided on a plan to replace it, or should they wait to repeal Obamacare until they have a plan to replace it?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Repeal now	13%	30%	2%	12%	15%	12%	13%	17%
Wait to repeal	84	69	96	85	82	86	86	80
DK/NA	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Repeal now	13%	14%	15%	11%	17%	13%	15%	10%
Wait to repeal	85	83	82	88	81	85	83	86
DK/NA	1	2	3	1	3	2	2	3

32. How important is it to you that health insurance be affordable for all Americans: very important, somewhat important, not so important, or not important at all?

							WHITE. COLLEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Very important	84%	72%	95%	84%	80%	89%	84%	82%
Somewhat important	12	19	4	14	15	9	13	13
Not so important	2	5	-	2	4	1	2	2
Not important at all	1	3	-	-	1	1	1	2
DK/NA	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very important	87%	83%	84%	85%	78%	87%	83%	90%
Somewhat important	9	11	12	13	16	10	13	8
Not so important	2	4	2	1	4	1	2	1
Not important at all	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	-
DK/NA	1	_	_	_	1	_	_	_

33. If your U.S. Senator or Congressperson votes to repeal Obamacare, will that make you more likely to vote for their reelection, less likely to vote for their reelection, or won't it matter much either way?

			_				WHITE COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
More likely	24%	50%	8%	21%	28%	21%	23%	31%
Less likely	43	5	74	44	39	46	50	31
Won't matter	29	42	16	28	30	28	24	33
DK/NA	4	3	2	6	3	4	4	4
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
More likely	21%	17%	33%	23%	31%	24%	27%	17%
Less likely	42	49	37	45	37	42	40	53
Won't matter	34	31	26	26	28	30	29	28
DK/NA	3	2	4	5	3	4	4	2

46. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the individuals President Trump has nominated to be a part of his Cabinet, or haven't you heard enough about them?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	33%	74%	2%	34%	39%	28%	34%	48%
Disapprove	45	3	78	45	39	50	51	29
Hvn't hrd enough	20	22	19	20	20	21	14	22
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	25%	27%	42%	39%	47%	36%	41%	14%
Disapprove	52	56	34	39	37	42	40	58
Hvn't hrd enough	23	14	23	21	15	21	18	27
REFUSED	-	2	1	2	1	1	1	1

47. How concerned are you about climate change: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

so concerned, or not	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEGE Yes	
Very concerned Somewhat concerned Not so concerned Not concerned at all DK/NA	44% 30 14 12	10% 34 28 27 1	71% 24 4 1	44% 32 13 10	37% 34 12 17	50% 27 15 8	49% 25 14 12	33% 34 17 16 1
	AGE IN 18-34		50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very concerned Somewhat concerned Not so concerned Not concerned at all DK/NA	48% 29 14 9	47% 28 11 13	38% 32 15 14	43% 31 13 13	34% 34 14 18	46% 26 17 11	40% 30 15 14	52% 30 9 8 1

48. How satisfied are you with the current cost of your health care: very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not so satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Very satisfied	25%	20%	30%	23%	23%	26%	25%	21%
Smwht satisfied	35	28	42	33	32	37	34	33
Not so satisfied	20	19	20	21	23	16	21	19
Not satisfied at all	19	31	6	20	20	18	18	26
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	2
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS	50-64	65+	WHITE.	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very satisfied	_						Wht 23%	NonWht
Very satisfied Smwht satisfied	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
_	18-34 16%	35-49 24%	50-64 25%	65+ 35%	Men 19%	Wom 26%	23%	30%
Smwht satisfied	18-34 16% 41	35-49 24% 29	50-64 25% 29	65+ 35% 39	Men 19% 33	Wom 26% 34	23%	30% 37

49. Since the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, passed, do you think the cost of your health care has improved, has worsened, or has the cost of your health care remained about the same?

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		Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Improved		9%	3%	15%	8%	9%	9%	7%	8%
Worsened		35	60	13	38	38	32	39	40
Remained san	ne	52	31	68	50	50	54	51	47
DK/NA		5	6	4	4	4	6	3	6
		AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Improved		12%	8%	9%	7%	8%	7%	8%	13%
Worsened		28	37	46	22	42	38	40	22
Remained sam	ne	54	52	43	63	47	50	49	59
DK/NA		6	3	2	7	3	6	4	6

50. How satisfied are you with the current quality of your health care: very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not so satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Very satisfied	44%	38%	53%	42%	42%	46%	48%	39%
Smwht satisfied	38	39	37	38	37	39	36	38
Not so satisfied	9	10	5	12	12	6	9	11
Not satisfied at all	7	11	3	8	8	7	6	10
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very satisfied	35%	43%	43%	58%	40%	46%	43%	47%
Smwht satisfied	47	39	33	34	36	37	37	39
Not so satisfied	10	9	12	4	15	7	10	5
Not satisfied at all	7	8	11	3	8	8	8	6
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2

51. Since the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, passed, do you think the quality of your health care has improved, has worsened, or has the quality of your health care remained about the same?

							COLLEGE DEG		
		Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Improved		13%	3%	24%	12%	13%	13%	9%	11%
Worsened		19	35	4	18	20	17	19	25
Remained	same	65	59	69	67	65	66	70	61
DK/NA		3	3	3	3	2	3	1	3
		AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Improved		17%	13%	12%	10%	11%	8%	10%	22%
Worsened		17	14	26	15	23	22	22	9
Remained	same	63	72	59	71	64	67	66	65
DK/NA		3	1	2	4	1	3	2	4

52. How satisfied are you with the current cost of your prescription drugs: very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not so satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Very satisfied Smwht satisfied	28% 29	24% 35	35% 29	24% 28	24% 30	32% 29	26% 33	24% 28
Not so satisfied	18	15	17	21	20	15	19	20
Not satisfied at all DK/NA	18 6	18 8	14 5	21 7	19 7	18 6	16 7	22 7
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very satisfied	18-34	35-49 28%	50-64 29%	65+ 33%	Men 19%	Wom 30%	25%	37%
Very satisfied Smwht satisfied Not so satisfied	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	-	

53. Since the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, passed, do you think the cost of your prescription drugs has improved, has worsened, or has the cost of your prescription drugs remained about the same?

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		Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Improved		10%	6%	18%	7%	10%	11%	9%	7%
Worsened		23	37	10	26	24	22	24	29
Remained	same	56	46	64	55	56	56	57	52
DK/NA		11	10	9	12	10	12	10	12
		AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Improved		17%	9%	8%	8%	9%	7%	8%	17%
Worsened		17	20	31	24	28	25	27	15
Remained	same	52	61	54	57	53	56	54	59
DK/NA		14	10	7	11	10	12	11	8

54. How concerned are you that your health insurance would not cover a large, unexpected medical expense: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Very concerned	32%	31%	36%	30%	30%	34%	21%	31%
Somewhat concerned	27	28	27	28	25	29	27	33
Not so concerned	19	18	18	20	22	17	25	17
Not concerned at all	20	20	19	21	22	18	25	17
DON'T HAVE INS. (VOL)	1	1	_	1	1	-	-	1
DK/NA	1	1	1	_	1	1	2	1
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	 Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very concerned	_						Wht 26%	NonWht
Very concerned Somewhat concerned	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	-	
-	18-34 34%	35-49	50-64 35%	65+	Men 26%	Wom 26%	26%	47%
Somewhat concerned	18-34 34% 25 24	35-49 30% 22	50-64 35% 30	65+ 27% 31	Men 26% 26	Wom 26% 34	26% 30	47% 21
Somewhat concerned Not so concerned	18-34 34% 25 24	35-49 30% 22 22	50-64 35% 30 14	65+ 27% 31 19	Men 26% 26 23	Wom 26% 34 19	26% 30 21	47% 21 13

55. Since the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, passed, have you become more concerned about your health insurance not covering a large, unexpected medical expense, less concerned, or has your concern remained about the same?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
More concerned	21%	30%	15%	21%	19%	23%	19%	24%
Less concerned	12	4	19	11	10	13	14	7
Remained the same	64	62	64	65	68	61	64	66
DK/NA	3	4	2	3	3	3	3	3
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
More concerned	18%	20%	28%	15%	19%	23%	21%	20%
Less concerned	15	18	7	8	11	10	11	15
Remained the same	66	59	62	70	68	63	65	62
DK/NA	_	3	2	6	3	4	3	3

56. Do you support or oppose cutting off federal government funding to Planned Parenthood?

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	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Support cutting	31%	63%	7%	31%	37%	26%	30%	41%
Oppose cutting	62	28	90	61	55	69	66	50
DK/NA	7	9	3	9	9	5	4	9
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Support cutting	29%	25%	37%	30%	43%	30%	36%	19%
Oppose cutting	66	70	57	61	50	64	57	74

56a. (If support cutting off support q56) If you knew that federal government funding to Planned Parenthood was being used only for non-abortion health issues such as breast cancer screening, would you still favor cutting off funding to Planned Parenthood?

	SUPPO	RT CUTT	ING OFF	FUNDIN	IG Q56
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				COLLE	GE DEG
	Tot	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Cut	38%	38%	39%	45%	35%
No/Don't Cut	59	59	59	53	64
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	1

56b. (Combined questions 56 & 56a) Do you support or oppose ctting off federal government funding to Planned Parenthood? (If support cutting off support q56) If you knew that federal government funding to Planned Parenthood was being used only for non-abortion health issues such as breast cancer screening, would you still favor cutting off funding to Planned Parenthood?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Cut gov funding	12% 80	25% 65	1% 95	13% 78	14% 76	10% 84	13% 81	14% 76	
Do not cut DK/NA	8	10	4	9	10	6	5	10	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht	
Cut gov funding Do not cut	12% 82	11% 84	14% 78	10% 80	17% 75	11% 82	14% 79	6% 86	
DK/NA	6	5	7	10	9	7	7	8	

57. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

							WHITE.	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Legal all cases	28%	11%	44%	25%	25%	31%	30%	21%
Legal most cases	36	22	43	41	37	36	39	32
Illegal most cases	22	44	6	21	26	18	22	31
Illegal all cases	9	18	4	7	7	10	6	12
DK/NA	5	5	3	6	6	4	4	4
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Legal all cases	38%	35%	20%	22%	23%	27%	25%	35%
Legal most cases	34	39	36	36	34	36	35	40
Illegal most cases	19	16	28	25	32	21	26	12
Illegal all cases	8	7	10	10	7	11	9	7
DK/NA	2	3	6	7	4	4	4	6

 $58.\,$ In general, do you agree or disagree with the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to an abortion?

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	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Agree	70%	43%	91%	70%	67%	72%	74%	60%	
Disagree	26	54	7	25	28	25	24	36	
DK/NA	4	3	2	5	5	3	3	3	
	AGE IN	AGE IN YRS				WHITE			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht	
Agree	75%	75%	65%	67%	62%	71%	67%	79%	
Disagree	22	21	32	29	34	27	30	15	
DK/NA	3	4	3	5	4	2	3	6	