

More Than Half of Americans Disapprove of New Health Care Law, Says CNN Poll

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(CNSNews.com) -- A new CNN poll shows that a majority of Americans, 56 percent, disapprove of the new health care law while 42 percent approve.

Also, 53 percent of those polled were either "displeased" or "angry" at the passage of the bill, while only 45 percent were "enthusiastic" or "pleased."

Despite strong majorities saying they disapprove of the bill and are either 'angry' or 'displeased,' there was only a 3 percentage point gap among Americans when it came to the issue of repealing the law.

CNN asked, "Thinking about the health care bill that Congress passed this week, which of the following statements best describes your view of what Congress should do in the future?" The poll showed the following: 50 percent said Congress should leave the bill as is or make additional changes to increase government involvement in the nation's health care system.

On the other side, 47 percent said Congress should repeal most of the major provisions in the bill and replace it with a completely different set of proposals.

Other findings showed that when asked if they and their families would be "better off," "worse off," or "about the same" because of the new health care law, 39 percent said "worse off" – 37 percent "about the same" and 22 percent "better off."

Further, 47 percent think the health care law is a major victory for President Barack Obama while 33 percent of Americans said it was a positive accomplishment -- 20 percent see it as a minor accomplishment.

The poll was conducted by telephone of 1,009 adult Americans, 935 of those registered to vote, between March 25- 28, and had a margin of sampling error of +/- 3 percentage points.



President Obama signs the Democrats' health care bill into law in the East Room of the White House on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)