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The U.S. Supreme Court and the Health Care Law
 May 31- June 3, 2012

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule on the 2010 health care law later this month, and 41% of Americans think the entire law should be overturned. Another 27% would like the high court to strike down only the requirement that nearly all Americans obtain health insurance, while a quarter would like the whole law to stay in place. The percentage that wants to see the entire law abolished is up slightly since April.

What Should the Supreme Court Do about the 2010 Health Care Law?

	Now	4/2012	3/2012
Keep the entire law	24%	23%	26%
Overturn mandate, but keep rest of law	27	29	29
Overturn entire law	41	37	38

Views differ by political party. Two-thirds of Republicans want the whole health care law thrown out, while 42% of Democrats want the entire law to stand. Another 28% of Democrats would prefer just the mandate be overturned. Tea Party supporters are especially likely to want the entire law to be overturned -- 70% support that.

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	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
Keep entire law	24 %	6%	42%	20%
Overturn mandate, but keep rest of law	27	20	28	30
Overturn entire law	41	67	20	42

While many Americans want the Supreme Court to overturn the health care law, a CBS News/New York Times Poll conducted in March found public support for some specific elements of the law. 85% favored the requirement that insurance companies cover people with pre-existing conditions, and nearly seven in 10 supported allowing children under 26 to say on their parents' health plan. Still, the requirement that nearly all Americans obtain health insurance was less popular: 45% approved of that, while 51% disapproved

This poll was conducted by telephone from May 31-June 3, 2012 among 976 adults nationwide. Phone numbers were dialed from samples of both standard land-line and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups may be higher. This poll release conforms to the Standards of Disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

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q14 The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to come out with a decision about the 2010 health care law in June. Which of the following would you like to see the Supreme Court do? 1. Keep the entire health care law in place, 2. Overturn the part of the law that requires Americans to obtain health insurance if they don't have it, but keep much of the law intact or 3. Overturn the entire health care law?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Tea Party	Apr12a^
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Keep entire law	24	6	42	20	11	23
Overturn mandate	27	20	28	30	14	29
Overturn entire law	41	67	20	42	70	37
Don't know/No answer	8	7	10	8	5	11

^Wording change: "...2. Overturn the part of the law that requires Americans to obtain health insurance if they don't have it, but keep the rest of the law intact ..."