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**THE PRESIDENT AND HEALTH CARE REFORM:  
BEFORE AND AFTER THE HOUSE VOTE  
March 21-22, 2010**

In the days immediately following Sunday night's vote on health care reform in the House of Representatives, CBS News re-interviewed 649 adults who were first interviewed just before the House voted on the bill, in a CBS News Poll conducted March 18-21.

President Obama receives credit for accomplishing health care reform since the bill passed Sunday, and slightly more Americans (but not a majority) now approve of the bill.

In interviews conducted Monday and Tuesday, 47% of Americans say they approve of the job the President is doing on health care, up six points from the CBS News Poll conducted just prior to the House vote. However, views of his handling of health care are still mixed, with 48% disapproving.

**OBAMA HEALTH CARE APPROVAL**

	After Vote	Before Vote
Approve	47%	41%
Disapprove	48	51

Two in three Americans re-interviewed after the bill passed think the passage represents an accomplishment for the President -- including more than half who see it as a major one, up from 46% before Sunday's vote. Just 32% think it is not an accomplishment.

**FOR PRES. OBAMA, PASSING HEALTH CARE REFORM IS:**

	After vote	Before vote
Major accomplishment	52%	46%
Minor accomplishment	13	10
Not an accomplishment	32	36

Most Democrats and half of independents view health care reform as a major accomplishment for President Obama. Few Republicans see it as such.

Support for the bill itself has also risen five points since the House vote Sunday night. Before the vote, 37% of Americans approved of the bill while 48% disapproved. Now those same Americans are more closely divided: 42% approve and 46% disapprove. Still, a third strongly disapproves.

### HEALTH CARE BILL

	After Vote	Before Vote
<u>Approve:</u>	<u>42%</u>	<u>37%</u>
Strongly approve	15	13%
Somewhat approve	27	24
<u>Disapprove:</u>	<u>46%</u>	<u>48%</u>
Somewhat disapprove	14	15
Strongly disapprove	32	33
Don't know	12	15

It may take more time before Americans decide whether or not these reforms are advantageous to them personally, and the percentage that now thinks the bill won't affect them has grown. When re-interviewed, 43% say the reforms will not have much of an affect on themselves or their families, up eight points from 35% before the vote. Just 16% say the legislation will help them personally - down four points from before the vote.

### HOW WILL REFORMS AFFECT YOU PERSONALLY?

	After Vote	Before Vote
Help	16%	20%
Hurt	35	38
No effect	43	35

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This poll was conducted by telephone on March 22-23, 2010 among 649 adults first interviewed by CBS News March 18-21, 2010. 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 four percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher. This poll release conforms to the Standards of Disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.