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ObamaCare Still Unpopular; ‘Very Important’ To Midterm Vote: The barrage of Democratic press releases last month touting ObamaCare’s “success” has not changed many Americans’ opinions of the unpopular law, according to a Pew Research Center [survey](#) conducted shortly after the March 31 enrollment deadline. This is bad news for Democrats wanting to “double-down” on ObamaCare, as most voters, especially those who oppose the law, said a candidate’s stance on the issue will be “very important” to their vote come November.

Only 37% (including 10% of Republicans and 34% of Independents) said they approve of the law, while 50% (including 83% of Republicans and 54% of Independents) said they disapprove. So far only 17% (7% GOP; 17% IND) said the law has had a positive effect on their family and 30% (11% GOP; 26% IND) said the law has had a positive effect on the country as a whole. Forty-three percent (69% GOP; 47% IND) said the law has had a negative effect on the country as a whole. When asked about the future, only 29% (8% GOP; 28% IND) said the law will have a positive effect on their family, compared to 35% (61% GOP; 34% IND) who said it will have a negative effect. Looking at the country as a whole, just 38% (14% GOP; 34% IND) said the law will have a positive effect, while 44% (73% GOP; 46% IND) said it will have a negative effect.

Continuing Partisan Divide in Views of the ACA

View of 2010 health care law ...	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %
Approve	37	10	73	34
Disapprove	50	83	16	54
<i>So far, how has the health care law affected ...</i>				
You and your family				
Mostly positive	17	7	30	17
Mostly negative	24	39	10	24
Not much of an effect	57	52	58	58
The country as a whole				
Mostly positive	30	11	56	26
Mostly negative	43	69	16	47
Not much of an effect	17	17	18	17

Survey conducted April 3-6, 2014. Don't know responses not shown.

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Nearly Half of Independents Say ACA Will Negatively Affect Country

<i>In the coming years, how will the health care law affect ...</i>	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %
You and your family				
Mostly positive	29	8	55	28
Mostly negative	35	61	10	34
Not much of an effect	30	27	33	31
The country as a whole				
Mostly positive	38	14	70	34
Mostly negative	44	73	14	46
Not much of an effect	12	10	11	13

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Sixty percent of those who oppose ObamaCare said a candidate’s position on the law will be “very important” to their vote in November. Only 48% of those who support it said the same. Only 52% of Democrats said it would be “very important” to their vote in November, while 64% of Republicans and 45% of Independents said the same. Many Democratic candidates have said they will be proud to run on ObamaCare this fall. Given these Pew numbers, every Republican should hope they do.

% of registered voters saying stance on health care law is “very important” to their vote in congressional election



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