

## Polling News & Notes

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**Few Democrats Run With ObamaCare:** Last fall, Democratic National Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz proclaimed, “Democratic candidates will be able to run on ObamaCare as an advantage, leading into the 2014 election.” But according to a September [study](#) from the Brookings Institute on this election cycle’s primary races, few Democrats thought it was helpful to run on the issue, even when vying for votes from their own base!

The study examined 1,662 primary candidates running for the House or Senate and found only 36.07% of Democrats expressed support for the Affordable Care Act (ACA). An uncomfortable 25.54% outlined a “complicated position” on the ObamaCare law, and 37.46% did not even mention President Barack Obama’s signature achievement. Even among self-described “progressive” Democrats, only 48.5% expressed support for the ACA, 30.9% offered a “complicated position,” and 20.6% offered no information at all. For comparison, 43.6% of “establishment” and 25% of “moderate” Democrats supported the law; 26.43% of “establishment” and 40.38% of “moderate” Democrats outlined a “complicated” position; and 29.64% of “establishment” and 32.69% of “moderate” Democrats were mum on the issue. Most (73.77%) Republican primary candidates said they opposed the health care law, and just 21.06% failed to comment or provide information on their position.

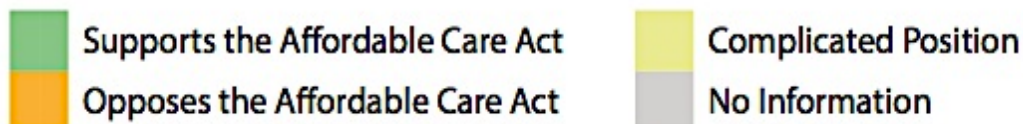
It is likely Democrats will continue to avoid the unpopular law over the 33 days until Election Day, while Republicans will explain their opposition by drawing on real life examples and offering substantive ideas to replace ObamaCare.

## Positions On ObamaCare By Party *House Candidates*

### Republicans



### Democrats



Note: Table excludes third-party candidates. See Appendix for details.