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Five Years Later, Americans Still Disapprove of ObamaCare: This week marked the fifth anniversary of Affordable Care Act, better known as ObamaCare. Yesterday President Barack Obama declared, "the bottom line is this for the American people: this law is saving money for families and for businesses." The data says otherwise. A recent National Bureau of Economic Research report concluded that ObamaCare increased premiums by 24.4% in non-group markets and in 45 states. Additionally, deductibles are 42% higher on the ObamaCare bronze plan than on an individually purchased plan, according to Forbes.

These higher premiums and deductibles are just some of the problems causing pain for those enrolled in ObamaCare plans, and as a result, it is no wonder that a majority of Americans still disapprove of the law, according to a flurry of recent polls. A new NBC/Wall Street Journal poll found that 44% of voters think ObamaCare is a bad idea. Thirty-nine percent of those who disapprove stated they strongly oppose the law, while 5% said not so strongly. Only 37% of voters think the law is a good idea (27% strongly, 10% not so strongly). A Fox News poll found that 58% of voters disapprove of the law, compared to 32% who approve. Today, the Real Clear Politics average of national polls shows that 52.5% of Americans disapprove of ObamaCare. That number is higher than when the law passed in March 2010, when 50.2% disapproved, according to the Real Clear Politics average.

President Obama is not only misguided in his belief his health care law saves money, but also in his assertion that law is "working better than many of us — including me — anticipated."

