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Americans to anti-Obamacare Congressmen: Give Up Your Health Care

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's newest national poll finds a bipartisan consensus on one issue during a time of great division: voters think members of Congress who vote to repeal Obamacare should also give up their government funded health care. 74% agree with that sentiment to only 12% who disagree. And there's not much of a difference about it across party lines- independents (80/8), Democrats (75/14), and Republicans (69/15) all think that if you vote to get rid of Obamacare you should give up your health insurance too.

The health insurance issue is just one data point showing how Americans think members of Congress are overcompensated. Georgia Congressman and Senate candidate Phil Gingrey recently complained about making only \$172,000 a year, but just 11% of voters in the country think members deserve to make over \$150,000 a year. 58% think their pay should be under \$100,000 a year with a 40% plurality falling into the \$50,000 to \$100,000 a range. There's bipartisan agreement about that as well.

“Americans are making it pretty clear that if they’re going to hurt because of a government shutdown, the members of Congress responsible for it should too,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

Similar to a Quinnipiac poll released this morning, we find Democrats improving their position on the generic Congressional ballot in the wake of all the controversy about the government shutdown. Democrats lead 45/40 on it, up from a 43/42 spread in July. Two things have caused that shift- Republicans had a 39/27 advantage with independents over the summer but have blown that and now there's a tie with them at 34% each. Republicans have also become less supportive of their own party, going from an 82/10 intention to vote GOP to 78/13. That shift has come largely among moderate Republicans who supported their own party 72/17 in July but now do so by only a 59/22 spread.

Approval numbers for Barack Obama and the Democrats and Republicans in Congress come out about how you would expect. Obama's approval rating is on negative ground at 45/51, as we've found in our polling for months now. Congressional Democrats are unpopular at a 39/57 approval, but Congressional Republicans are far worse off at 23/69.

PPP surveyed 790 registered voters on September 25th and 26th. The margin of error is +/-3.5%. This poll was not authorized or paid for by any campaign or political organization. PPP's surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.





National Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 45%
Disapprove..... 51%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congressional Democrats are doing?

Approve 39%
Disapprove..... 57%
Not sure 4%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congressional Republicans are doing?

Approve 23%
Disapprove..... 69%
Not sure 7%

Q4 If there was an election for the U.S. House today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate from your district?

Democrat 45%
Republican..... 40%
Not sure 15%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pope Francis?

Favorable..... 54%
Unfavorable 9%
Not sure 36%

Q6 In a recent interview, Pope Francis said that the Catholic Church has become too "obsessed" with abortion, gay marriage, and contraception, and that the Church should concentrate on being more inclusive. Do you agree or disagree with these comments?

Agree 59%
Disagree 23%
Not sure 19%

Q7 Do you think members of Congress who vote to repeal Obamacare should also give up their government-funded health care, or not?

Think they should..... 74%
Don't think they should..... 12%
Not sure 13%

Q8 How much do you think members of Congress should get paid: nothing, less than \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$100,000, between \$100,000 and \$150,000, between \$150,000 and \$200,000, between \$200,000 and \$250,000, or more than \$250,000?

Nothing 7%
Less than \$50,000 19%
\$50,000 to \$100,000..... 40%
\$100,000 to \$150,000..... 21%
\$150,000 to \$200,000..... 10%
\$200,000 to \$250,000..... 1%
More than \$250,000..... 0%
Not sure 2%





Q9 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	12%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	16%
<i>Moderate</i>	33%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	19%
<i>Very conservative</i>	20%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

Q11 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	39%
<i>Republican</i>	34%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	27%

Q12 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i>	10%
<i>White</i>	76%
<i>African-American</i>	10%
<i>Other</i>	3%

Q13 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	42%
<i>46 to 65</i>	38%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%

Q14 What is your religious affiliation? Is it Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical, Jewish, another religion, no religion at all, or do you not care to say?

<i>Catholic</i>	22%
<i>Protestant</i>	29%
<i>Evangelical</i>	11%
<i>Jewish</i>	3%
<i>Another religion</i>	13%
<i>No religion at all</i>	10%
<i>Don't care to say</i>	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	45%	71%	83%	54%	19%	8%
Disapprove	51%	16%	13%	42%	78%	91%
Not sure	4%	13%	3%	4%	3%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. Dems Approval						
Approve	39%	82%	68%	40%	18%	6%
Disapprove	57%	14%	21%	55%	81%	92%
Not sure	4%	4%	11%	5%	1%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. GOP Approval						
Approve	23%	1%	5%	21%	36%	43%
Disapprove	69%	89%	86%	75%	59%	43%
Not sure	7%	10%	9%	4%	4%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democrat	45%	89%	82%	47%	22%	8%
Republican	40%	6%	5%	30%	71%	76%
Not sure	15%	5%	13%	23%	7%	17%





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Pope Favorability						
Favorable	54%	66%	61%	63%	50%	34%
Unfavorable	9%	4%	7%	4%	15%	16%
Not sure	36%	30%	33%	33%	35%	49%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Agree/Disagree w/ Pope's Inclusiveness Comments						
Agree	59%	82%	80%	69%	42%	25%
Disagree	23%	5%	8%	12%	39%	49%
Not sure	19%	13%	11%	19%	19%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should Anti-Obamacare Congressmen Give Up Gov't Healthcare?						
Think they should	74%	83%	73%	79%	77%	61%
Don't think they should	12%	5%	13%	13%	9%	18%
Not sure	13%	12%	15%	8%	14%	21%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
How Much Should Congressmen Make?						
Nothing	7%	13%	4%	4%	7%	11%
Less than \$50,000	19%	27%	17%	19%	14%	22%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	40%	30%	39%	42%	41%	44%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	21%	15%	28%	20%	23%	19%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	10%	10%	11%	13%	11%	3%
\$200,000 to \$250,000	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	-
Not sure	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	2%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	45%	44%	46%
Disapprove	51%	51%	51%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. Dems Approval			
Approve	39%	41%	36%
Disapprove	57%	53%	62%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. GOP Approval			
Approve	23%	23%	23%
Disapprove	69%	66%	72%
Not sure	7%	10%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democrat	45%	45%	45%
Republican	40%	42%	38%
Not sure	15%	13%	17%





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Agree/Disagree w/ Pope's Inclusiveness Comments			
Agree	59%	61%	55%
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Not sure	2%	3%	1%





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	Base	Party		
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Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	74%	14%	40%
Disapprove	51%	21%	82%	55%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. Dems Approval				
Approve	39%	70%	10%	30%
Disapprove	57%	25%	88%	64%
Not sure	4%	5%	2%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. GOP Approval				
Approve	23%	8%	45%	18%
Disapprove	69%	88%	46%	71%
Not sure	7%	3%	10%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democrat	45%	81%	13%	34%
Republican	40%	11%	78%	34%
Not sure	15%	8%	9%	33%





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Pope Favorability				
Favorable	54%	64%	45%	52%
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Not sure	36%	30%	42%	39%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Agree/Disagree w/ Pope's Inclusiveness Comments				
Agree	59%	73%	41%	60%
Disagree	23%	9%	37%	23%
Not sure	19%	17%	21%	17%

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Not sure	2%	3%	1%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	41%	40%	81%	48%
Disapprove	51%	53%	55%	16%	51%
Not sure	4%	6%	4%	3%	2%

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cong. Dems Approval					
Approve	39%	56%	33%	70%	27%
Disapprove	57%	43%	63%	27%	65%
Not sure	4%	2%	5%	3%	8%

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cong. GOP Approval					
Approve	23%	32%	24%	8%	19%
Disapprove	69%	65%	67%	84%	74%
Not sure	7%	2%	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democrat	45%	56%	40%	74%	46%
Republican	40%	35%	45%	8%	32%
Not sure	15%	9%	15%	18%	22%





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Think they should	74%	59%	76%	74%	85%
Don't think they should	12%	26%	11%	8%	2%
Not sure	13%	15%	12%	18%	13%

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\$100,000 to \$150,000	21%	30%	20%	19%	28%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	10%	2%	11%	4%	23%
\$200,000 to \$250,000	1%	1%	1%	1%	-
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	10%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	44%	45%	47%
Disapprove	51%	50%	52%	50%
Not sure	4%	6%	4%	3%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cong. Dems Approval				
Approve	39%	38%	38%	41%
Disapprove	57%	58%	57%	54%
Not sure	4%	3%	6%	5%

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		Catholic	Protestant	Evangelical	Jewish	Another religion	No religion at all	
Obama Approval								
Approve	45%	39%	48%	32%	63%	46%	51%	49%
Disapprove	51%	53%	47%	67%	28%	53%	47%	47%
Not sure	4%	8%	5%	1%	9%	1%	2%	4%

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Approve	39%	43%	38%	24%	44%	37%	44%	42%
Disapprove	57%	54%	57%	76%	30%	61%	52%	51%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	-	26%	2%	3%	7%

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Republican	40%	48%	43%	61%	28%	34%	24%	25%
Not sure	15%	7%	11%	10%	4%	23%	22%	30%





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Not sure	36%	23%	34%	41%	33%	43%	39%	54%

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Not sure	19%	16%	18%	18%	-	24%	12%	30%

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Not sure	13%	15%	13%	11%	7%	18%	6%	13%

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\$50,000 to \$100,000	40%	38%	39%	44%	23%	59%	33%	35%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	21%	12%	29%	30%	37%	10%	21%	18%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	10%	17%	6%	9%	7%	3%	16%	10%
\$200,000 to \$250,000	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	2%	-
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	-	-	6%	2%	3%

