

# Medicare-For-All

Status and next steps

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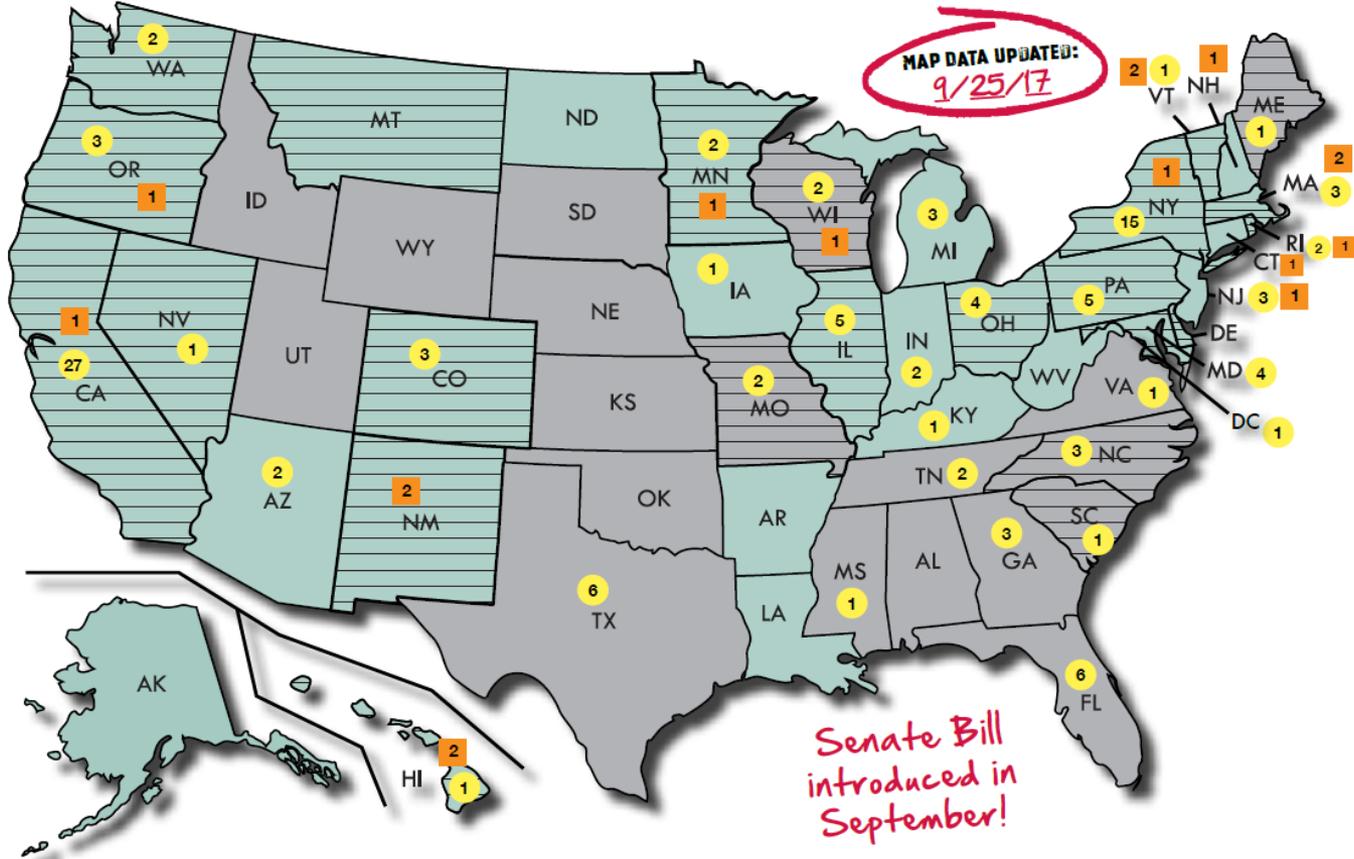
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# Federal Legislative Efforts

- Senate bill (S. 1804) was introduced by Sen. Bernie Sanders with 16 original co-sponsors
  - Extensive news coverage and social media attention in the lead up and after the Sept. 13, 2017 release
- House bill (H.R. 676) introduced by Rep. John Conyers and currently has 120 co-sponsors – over 60 percent of the House Democratic Caucus

# HEALTH CARE – Who's in and Who's out



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Have Not Expanded Medicaid

Have Expanded Medicaid

# House members currently supporting single-payer.

# Senators currently supporting single-payer.

Single-payer State Initiatives (Legislation passed or proposed, or official studies underway)

## CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR SINGLE-PAYER MEDICARE-FOR-ALL LEGISLATION

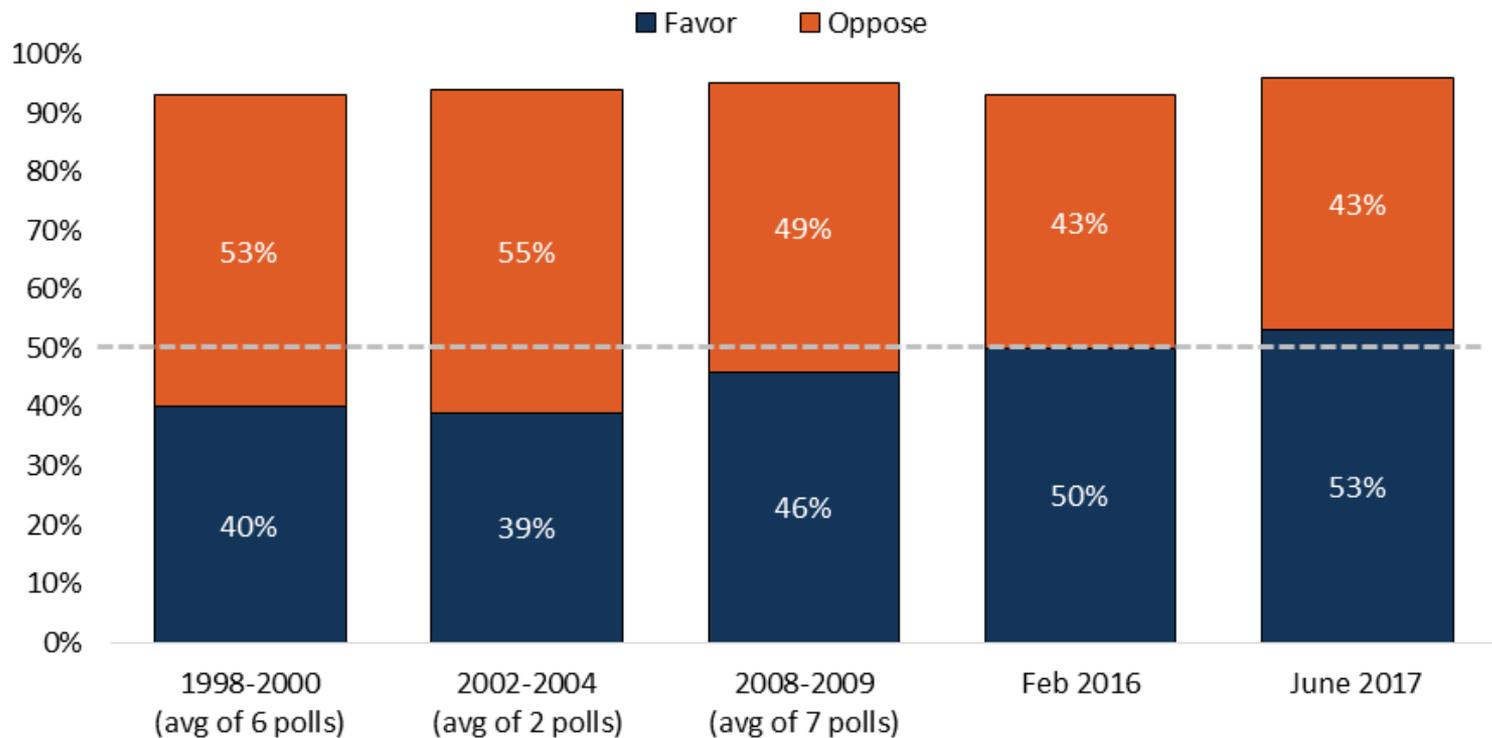
### REPRESENTATIVES

Raul M. Grijalva	[AZ-03]	Darren Soto	[FL-09]	David E. Price	[NC-04]	James Clyburn	[SC-06]
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		G. K. Butterfield	[NC-01]	James Langevin	[RI-02]		

# Public polling

- Most recent: Favor 52% versus oppose 48%
  - (Dem: 69/31; Rep: 35/65; Ind: 49/51)
  - Do you favor or oppose so-called single-payer healthcare plans in which the government collects taxes and pays for all healthcare and private health insurers are eliminated?
    - Harvard-Harris poll – Sept. 2017

Percent who favor or oppose a national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan



NOTE: Question wording varied slightly over time. See topline for full question wording.

SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation Polls

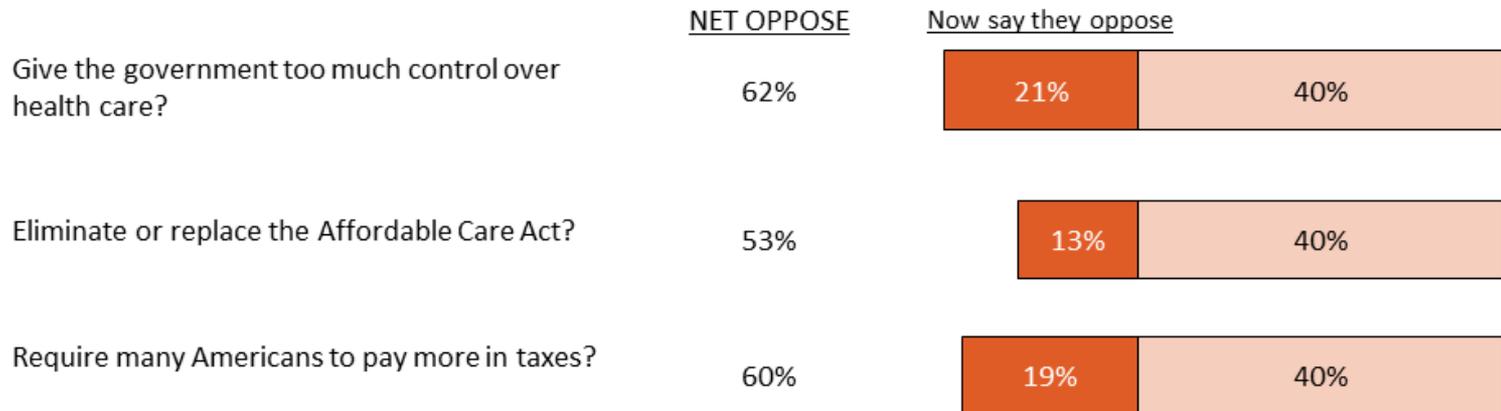
# Arguments Against Single Payer Plan Sway Some Initial Supporters

Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, or (single-payer/Medicare-for-all) plan, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?



## ASKED OF THE 55% WHO FAVOR:

What if you heard that OPPONENTS say guaranteed universal coverage through such a plan would...



NOTE: Top bars show results for combined question wording. Don't know/Refused responses not shown.  
 SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Poll (conducted June 14-19, 2017)



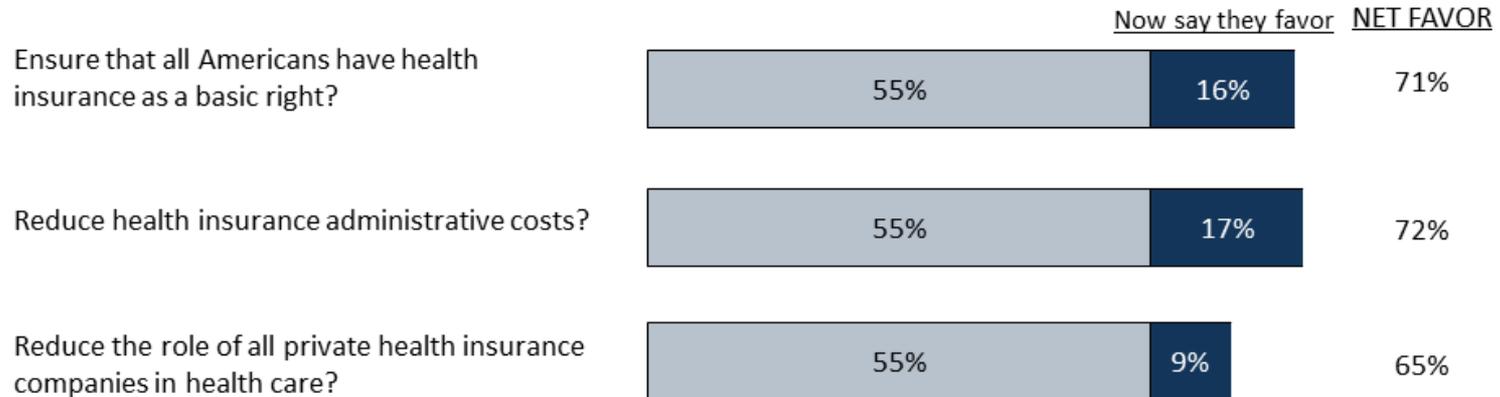
# Arguments in Favor of Single Payer Plan Sway Some Initial Opponents

Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, or (single-payer/Medicare-for-all) plan, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?



## ASKED OF THE 50% WHO **OPPOSE**:

What if you heard that SUPPORTERS say guaranteed universal coverage through such a plan would...



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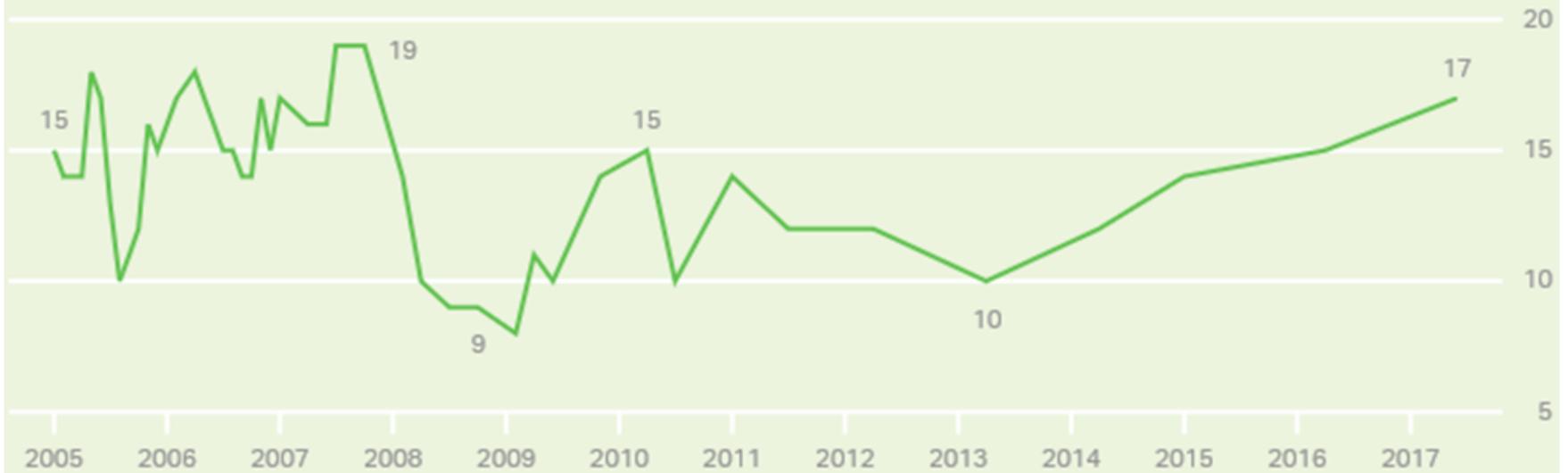
# What's driving changes in public opinion?

- Around 30 million Americans remain uninsured
  - Uninsured rate rising
- ACA repeal fight
- Medicare-for-All legislative action
- Grassroots efforts
- Rising Costs and narrowing networks

# Healthcare Costs Are an Increasing Concern for U.S. Families

What is the most important financial problem facing your family today? [OPEN-ENDED]

■ % Saying healthcare costs



GALLUP

# Next steps

- Policy steps
  - Where will the federal legislative efforts go next?
- Research steps
  - What questions need to be answered and when?
- Advocacy steps
  - Who to target next and how to build a winning coalition?
- Grassroots steps
  - How do you keep people engaged on health activism and increase public support?

# Questions or comments?

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