

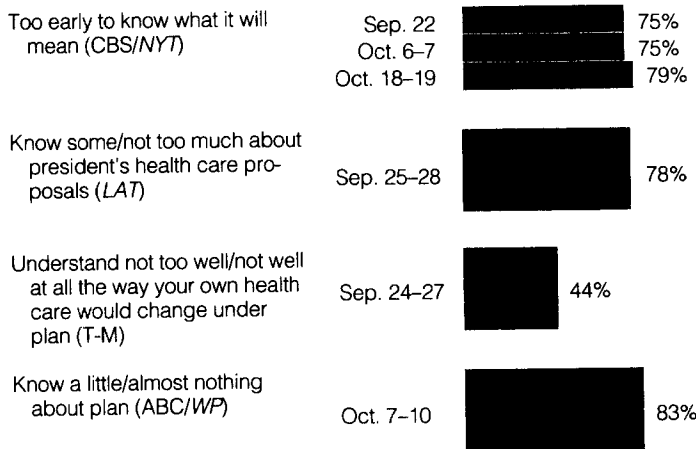
HEALTH CARE: THE PUBLIC REACTS

Polls taken after the president's speech purported to show approval for the plan. In fact, people know little about it as the questions below show. "Approval" may have come from the desire to get something done in the area and from positive reactions to a strong speech. Not surprisingly, Americans are uncertain and have big concerns about major new government initiatives. Some are listed below.

Question: **As of now, do you think you have a good understanding of what the Clinton health care plan will mean, or is it too early to know that yet? (CBS/NYT)** How much do you know about the details of President Clinton's health care proposals—a great deal, a good amount, some, or not much? (LAT) How well do you understand the way your own health care would change under the Clinton plan? (Times Mirror) How much do you feel you know about President Clinton's health care plan—a lot, a little, or do you feel you know almost nothing about it? (ABC/WP)

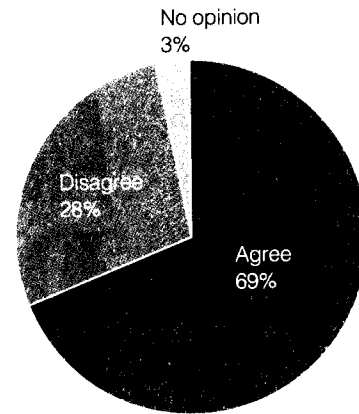
Question: **Now I am going to read some arguments that have been made as reasons why the Clinton health care plan should be passed. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly agree, moderately agree, moderately disagree, or strongly disagree?**

How much we know about the Clinton health care plan



Source: Surveys by CBS News/New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press, and ABC News/Washington Post.

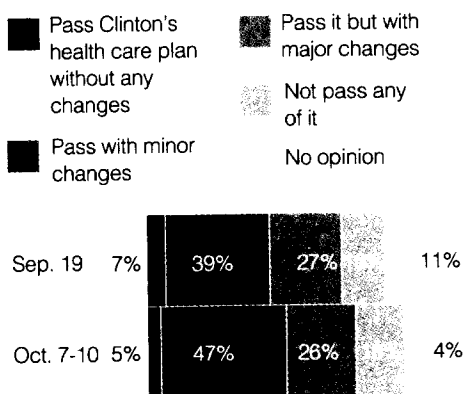
It's better to pass the plan than to do nothing



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for USA Today and CNN, September 24-26, 1993.

Question: **What do you think Congress should do with Clinton's health care plan?**

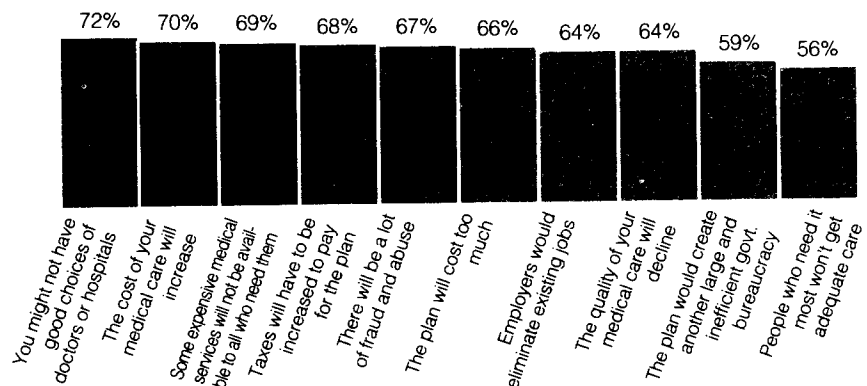
Congress should...



Source: Surveys by ABC News/Washington Post, latest that of October 7-10, 1993.

Question: **Now I'm going to mention things that might concern some people but not others about the Clinton health care plan. And, for each, please tell me if it's a big concern, a small concern, or not at all a concern of yours?**

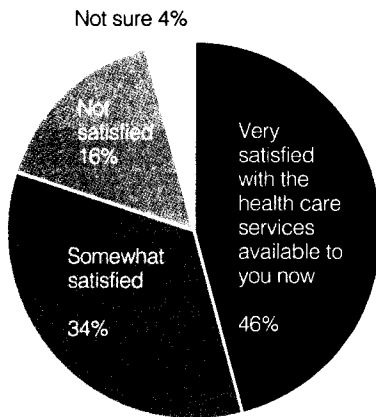
Big concern about the Clinton plan



Note: Not all categories shown.
Source: Survey by ABC News/Washington Post, October 7-10, 1993.

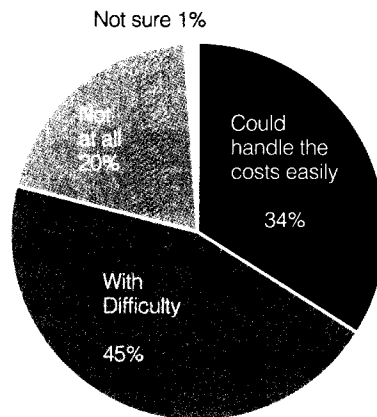
The basic outline of opinion is what it has been for months: satisfaction with personal care, anxieties about the future and about costs, fundamental concerns about the system. In an area of great uncertainty, specific questions produce wildly varying responses depending on wording. The tax questions illustrate the point.

Question: **How satisfied are you with the health care services which are available to you now—very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not satisfied at all?**



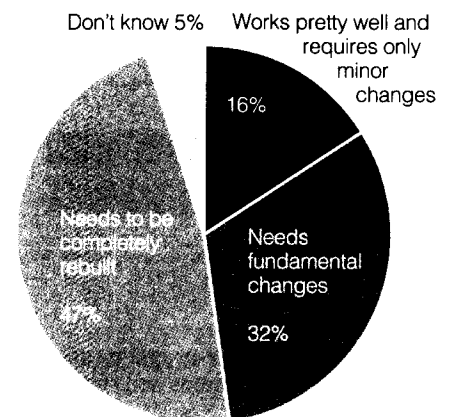
Question: **If a major illness were to occur in your family, could you handle the costs easily, with great difficulty, or probably not at all?**

If a major illness were to occur in your family



Question: **Do you think the health care system in this country works pretty well and requires only minor changes, do you think it needs fundamental changes, or do you think it needs to be completely rebuilt?**

Health care system in this country...

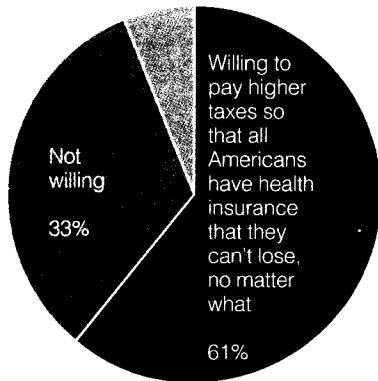


Source: Survey by Yankelovich Partners, Inc., for *Time* and CNN, September 23, 1993.

Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for *Newsweek*, September 23-24, 1993.

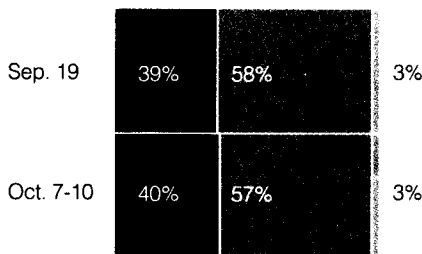
Question: **Would you be willing or not willing to pay higher taxes so that all Americans have health insurance that they can't lose, no matter what?**

Don't know/no answer 6%



Question: **Would you support or oppose an increase in taxes to help pay for Clinton's health care plan?**

Legend:
 ■ Would support an increase in taxes to help pay for Clinton's health care plan
 ■ Oppose it
 ■ No opinion

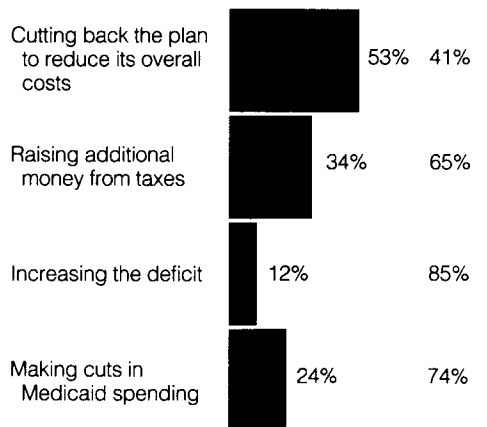


Source: Survey by CBS News/*New York Times*, September 16-19, 1993.

Source: Survey by ABC News/*Washington Post*, latest that of October 7-10, 1993.

Question: **If more money is needed to pay for Clinton's health care plan, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each of the following solutions?**

Legend:
 ■ Favor if needed to pay for Clinton's health care plan
 ■ Oppose



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for USA Today and CNN, September 24-26, 1993.