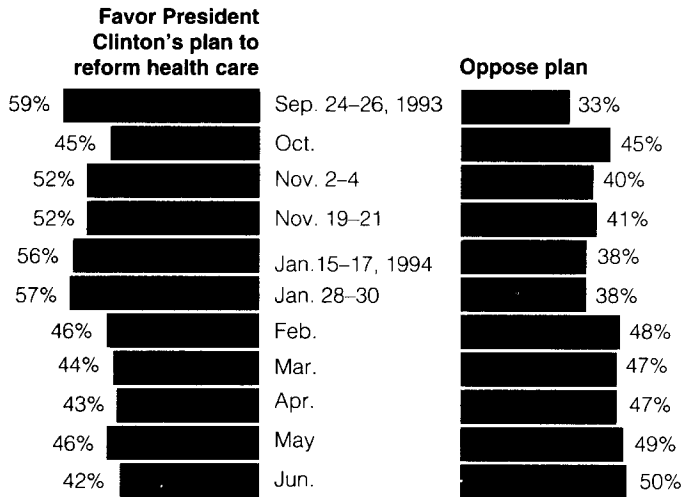


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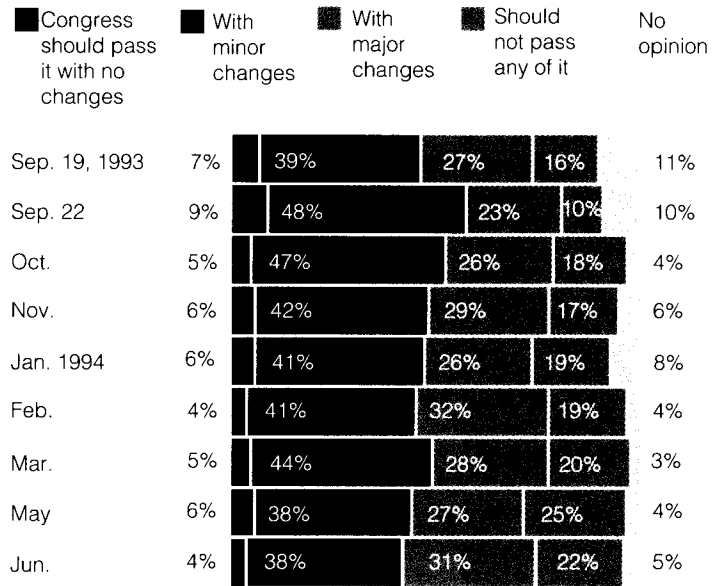
Skepticism about the Clinton health care plan has been rising. A majority indicated in June that they opposed the plan. Fewer than 10 percent believe Congress should pass it without changes and about a quarter say the body should not pass any of it. A majority wants a fuller debate.

Question: **From everything you have heard or read about the plan so far, do you favor or oppose President Clinton's plan to reform health care?**



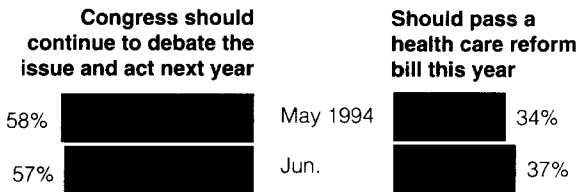
Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization for USA Today and CNN, latest that of June 11-12, 1994.

Question: **What do you think Congress should do with Clinton's health care plan: pass it without any changes, pass it with minor changes, pass it, but with major changes, or not pass any of it?**



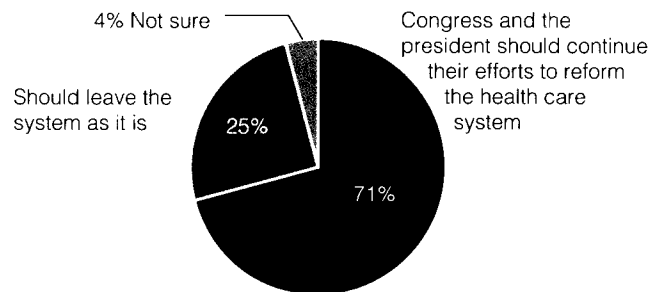
Source: Surveys by ABC News/Washington Post, latest that of June 23-26, 1994.

Question: **Do you think Congress should pass a health care reform bill this year, or continue to debate the issue and act next year?**



Note: These two questions were asked of different split samples.
Source: Surveys by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, latest that of June 10-14, 1994.

Question: **Do you believe that Congress and the president should continue their efforts to reform the health care system, or would you prefer that they leave the system as it is now?**



Health Plan: Include Abortion?

Americans oppose including abortion coverage in a basic health benefits package by roughly the same margin as physicians favor it. A plan that causes quality to decline or limits choices of doctors is a greater concern for Americans than one that pays for legal abortions. Still, 47 percent said a plan that pays for abortions was a big concern.

Question: I'm going to read a list of services and procedures that might be included in a basic health benefits package if a new national health plan is approved. Please tell me after I read each one whether you think it should be included in the basic health benefits package or not. First, what about.... (If respondent says it should be included, ask:) Should it be included only if your taxes (federal and/or state) or health insurance premiums do not have to be raised to pay for it, or should it be included even if your taxes or health insurance premiums do have to be raised to pay for it?

	Should not be included in basic health benefits package	Should be included	
		If taxes/premiums do not have to be raised to pay for it	Even if taxes/premiums have to be raised to pay for it
Elective cosmetic surgery	86%	6%	4%
Specialized treatment for infertility	69%	15	12
Abortions	69%	16	14
Treatment with experimental drugs	61%	19	16
Chiropractic services	50%	26	21
Counseling/treatment for drug or alcohol abuse problems	45%	28	26
Family planning services other than abortions	36%	29	32
Vision care including glasses and contacts	29%	37	32
Psychological or psychiatric counseling for mental health problems	29%	35	34
Dental health care for adults other than braces	27%	37	35
Long term care at home	25%	34	38
Long term care in a nursing home	25%	32	40
Organ transplants	25%	31	42
Complete physical exams every two years	23%	41	34
Physical rehabilitation in a hospital	20%	38	39
Care in a hospice for dying patients	18%	36	42
Dental health care for children other than braces	17%	40	42
Routine testing and exams such as pap smears, mammograms, colorectal exams	16%	40	43
Prescription drugs	15%	41	42
Office or clinic visits to the doctor for diagnosis or treatment	12%	42	45
Prenatal care for pregnant women	10%	40	48
Inpatient and outpatient surgery	9%	44	46
Hospitalization for illness or accidents or child birth	6%	39	53
Well-child care and immunizations against childhood diseases	6%	39	54

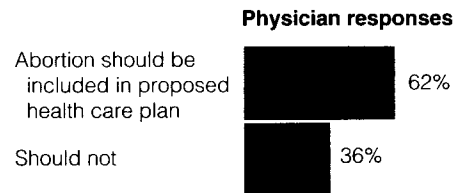
Note: Women and men responded similarly on covering abortion services. Sixty-nine percent of men and 68% of women said this should not be included.
Source: Survey by the University of Cincinnati Institute for Policy Research for the University Medical Center, January 7-28, 1994.

Question: Do you think the national health care program should include coverage for abortions, or not?



Source: Survey by NBC News, September 22, 1993.

Question: In your opinion, should abortion be included in the proposed health care plan, or not?



Note: Survey of 502 practicing patient-care physicians.
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for USA Today and CNN, October 1-21, 1993.

ABC News/Washington Post pollsters asked Americans in October 1993 and again in February 1994 about some things that "might concern some people but not others about the Clinton health care plan." Forty-three percent in October and 47% in February said a big concern of theirs was that the plan would pay for legal abortions. Slightly more than 2 in 10 in both surveys said this was a small concern. About 3 in 10 in both surveys said this was not a concern. Issues such as a decline in quality in medical care, limitations on choice of doctors and hospitals, high costs, people who need it not getting coverage, fraud and abuse, and expensive services not being available to those who need them, were all cited as a big concern by at least 7 in 10 respondents.