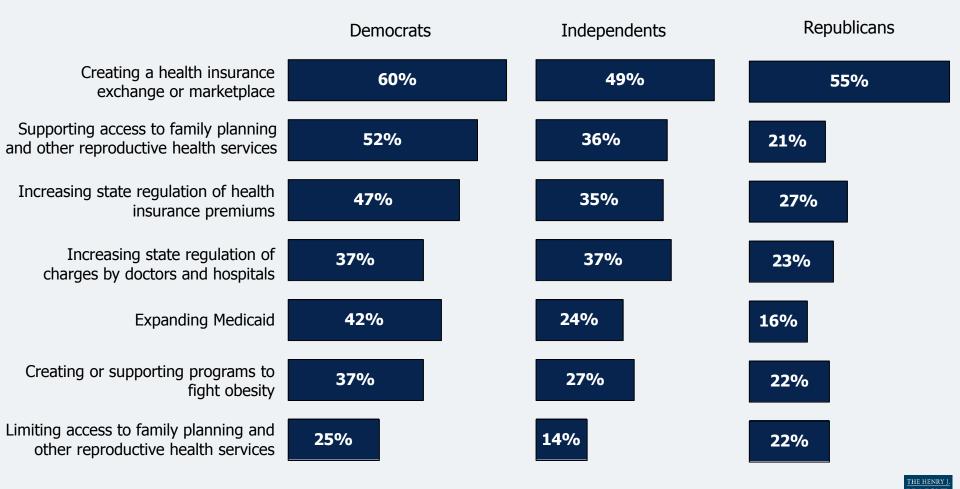
### Majority Of Republicans And Democrats Say Creating Exchanges Should Be A Top Priority

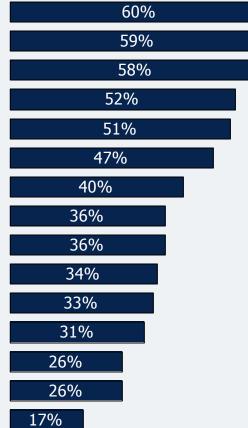
Percent who say that each of the following should be a "top" health policy priority for their state's governor and legislature this year:



## In Context Of Deficit Reduction, Views On Public Health Spending Priorities

Given that the federal government has a substantial budget deficit and there are many difficult choices facing the president and Congress, the percent who say each of the following should be "one of the top priorities" for federal spending this year:

Funding for veterans' health care Preparing for natural disasters or terrorist attacks Increasing research to find new cures and treatments Preventing the spread of infectious diseases Preventing chronic illnesses, such as heart disease Ensuring the safety and effectiveness of prescription drugs Providing screening tests for major health problems Detecting and preventing foodborne illnesses Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS Funding support to hospitals so they can provide free care Ensuring workplace health and safety Funding to state public health departments Reducing obesity by promoting health lifestyles Reducing smoking and tobacco use Preventing injuries, such as burns, poisoning and falls

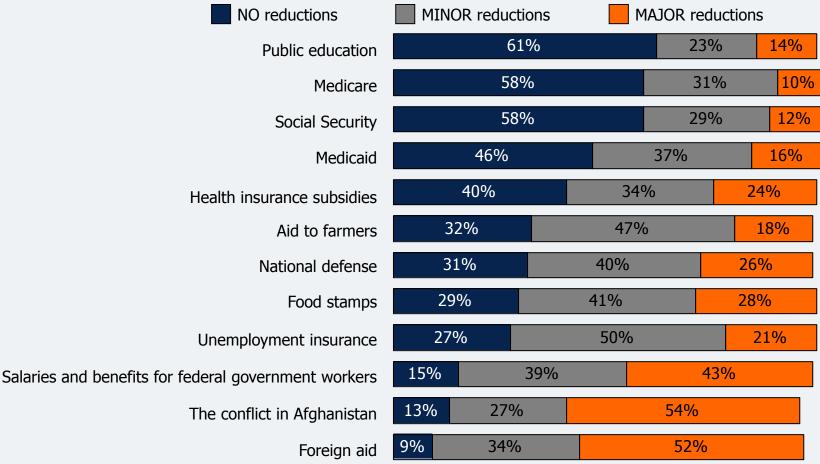


Note: Items asked of third samples. Some question wording abbreviated. See topline: <u>http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/8405.cfm</u> for full question wording.



## Majority Want No Spending Cuts To Education, Medicare, And Social Security

If the president and Congress decide to reduce the deficit by reducing spending on federal programs and services, I'd like to know in which programs you would be willing to see spending reduced. For each program I name, please tell me if you would support major spending reductions, minor spending reductions or no reductions at all as a way to reduce the federal deficit.

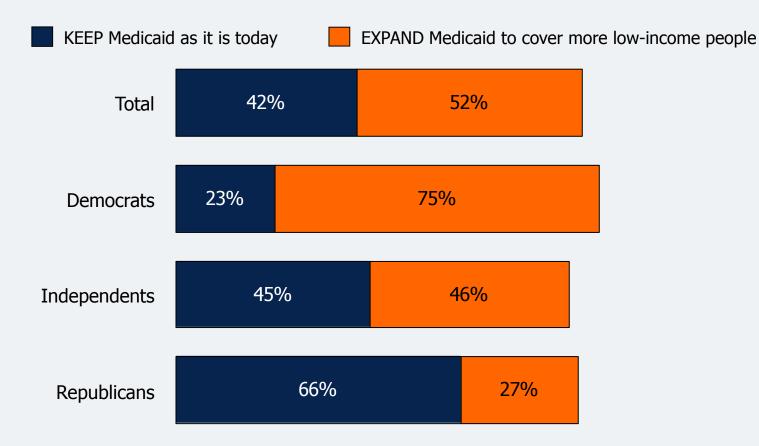


Note: Some items asked of separate half samples. Don't know/Refused answers not shown.



# **More Support Than Oppose Medicaid Expansion**

As you may know, the health care law expands Medicaid to provide health insurance to more lowincome uninsured adults. The federal government will initially pay the entire cost of this expansion, and after several years, states will pay 10 percent and the federal government will pay 90 percent. The Supreme Court ruled that states may choose whether or not to participate in this expansion. What do you think your state should do?



Note: Other/Neither (vol.) and Don't know/Refused answers not shown.



#### Support For Various Deficit-Reducing Changes To Medicare

I'm going to read you some changes to the Medicare program that have been discussed as ways to reduce the federal budget deficit. Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each one.

