

ABC News summary: 2009 polling on a "public option"

	Support	Oppose	No opin.	Wording
8/17 ABC/Post	52	46	2	"gov't create"
8/17 NBC/WSJ	43	47	10	"administered" by fed gov't
8/11 Kaiser	59	38	3	"similar to Medicare"
8/3 Quinnipiac	62	32	6	"gov't... insurance plan"
7/28 CBS/NYT	66	27	7	"like... Medicare"
7/28 Time	56	36	8	"gov't-sponsored"
7/26 Pew	52	37	10	"gov't... insurance plan"
7/22 Fox	44	48	7	"gov't-run"

ABC/Post: Would you support or oppose having the government create a new health insurance plan to compete with private health insurance plans?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
8/17/09	52	46	2
6/21/09	62	33	5

NBC/WSJ: Would you favor or oppose creating a public health care plan administered by the federal government that would compete directly with private health insurance companies?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
8/17/09	43	47	10
7/27/09	46	44	10

Kaiser: Now I'm going to read you some different ways to increase the number of Americans covered by health insurance. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it. Here's the (first/next) one - Creating a government-administered public health insurance option similar to Medicare to compete with private health insurance plans. Do you favor or oppose this?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
8/11/09	59	38	3
7/14/09	59	36	5
6/5/09	68	28	4
4/8/09	67	29	4

Quinnipiac: (Among RVs) Do you support or oppose giving people the option of being covered by a government health insurance plan that would compete with private plans?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
8/3/09	62	32	6
6/29/09	69	26	5

CBS/NYT: Would you favor or oppose the government offering everyone a government administered health insurance plan -- something like the Medicare coverage that people 65 and older get -- that would compete with private health insurance plans?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
7/28/09	66	27	7
7/12/09	64	29	7
6/16/09	72	20	8

Time: (Would you favor or oppose a health care bill that provides for the following?)... Creates a government-sponsored public health insurance option to compete with private health insurance plans?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
7/28/09	56	36	8

Pew: Now I'd like to ask you about some of the specific proposals being considered to address health care. (First,) Would you favor or oppose a government health insurance plan to compete with private health insurance plans?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
7/26/09	52	37	10

FOX News: (Among RVs) Do you favor or oppose the creation of a government-run health insurance plan that would compete in the market place against private insurance plans?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
7/22/09	44	48	7