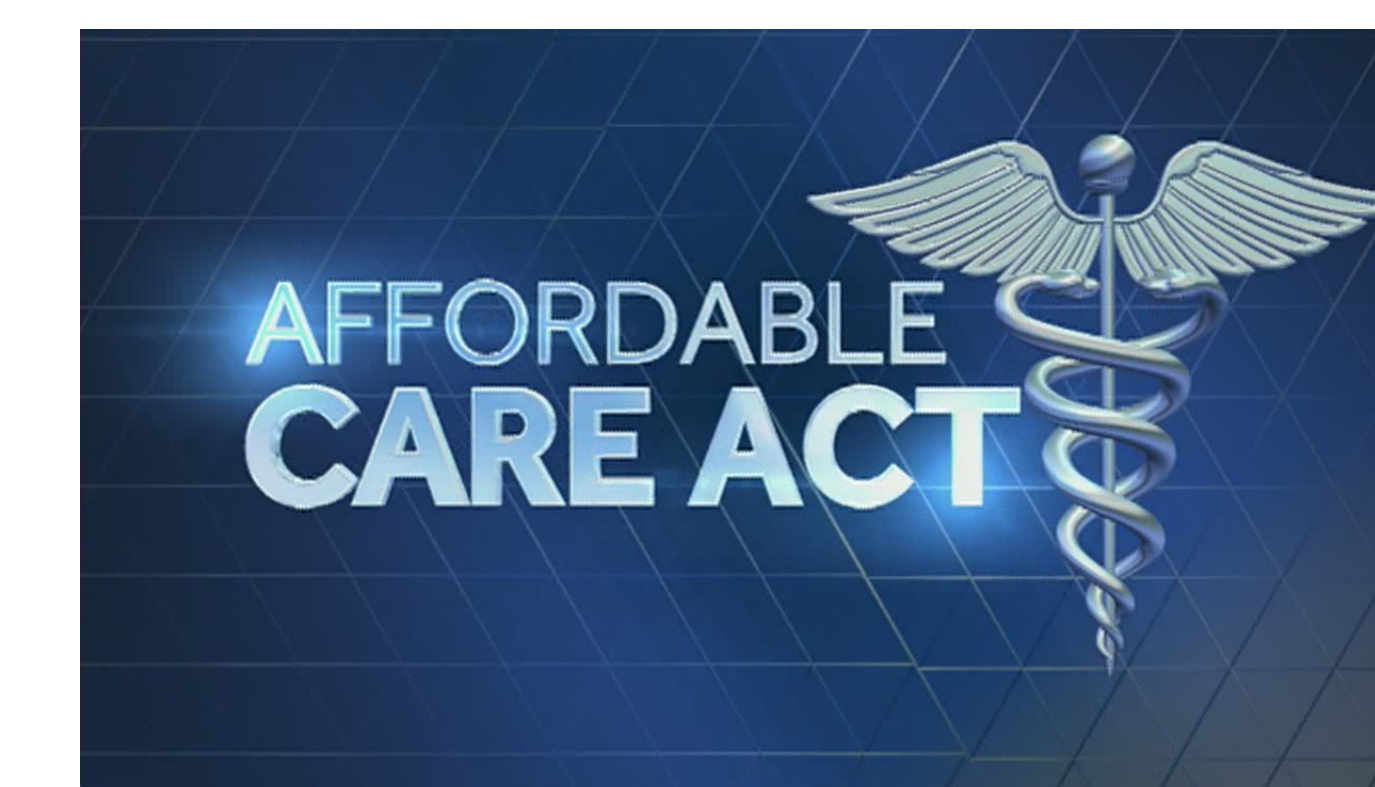




# OBAMACARE OR THE ACA?



## UNDERSTANDING YOUNG ADULTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

### HYPOTHESES AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

**H<sub>1</sub>** Young adults perceive themselves to be at low risk of illness or injury, which leads them to believe they do not need health insurance.

**H<sub>2</sub>** Attitudes of young adults toward the just-implemented ACA and its requirement to purchase health insurance are influenced by their political beliefs and attitudes toward social services.

**RQ<sub>1</sub>** Where do young adults—who are the group most sought-after by insurers offering coverage through the ACA program—get information about the Act?

**RQ<sub>2</sub>** Which sources are they most likely to trust?

**RQ<sub>3</sub>** Does the name by which they know the new law affect their support for it?

**RQ<sub>4</sub>** Do their parents' political beliefs influence their attitudes toward the law?

### CORRELATIONS BETWEEN NEED FOR CARE, ABILITY TO PAY AND PERCEPTIONS OF RISK

		Do you believe...	...do you feel confident...	...your overall health?
Do you believe you are likely to need to see a doctor in the next six months, whether for an illness or an injury?	Pearson Correlation	1	0.05	-.259**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		0.065	0
	N		1368	1368
If you need to see a doctor, do you feel confident that you will be able to pay for that care?	Pearson Correlation		1	.117**
	Sig. (2-tailed)			0
	N			1367
How would you describe your overall health?	Pearson Correlation			1
	Sig. (2-tailed)			
	N			1368

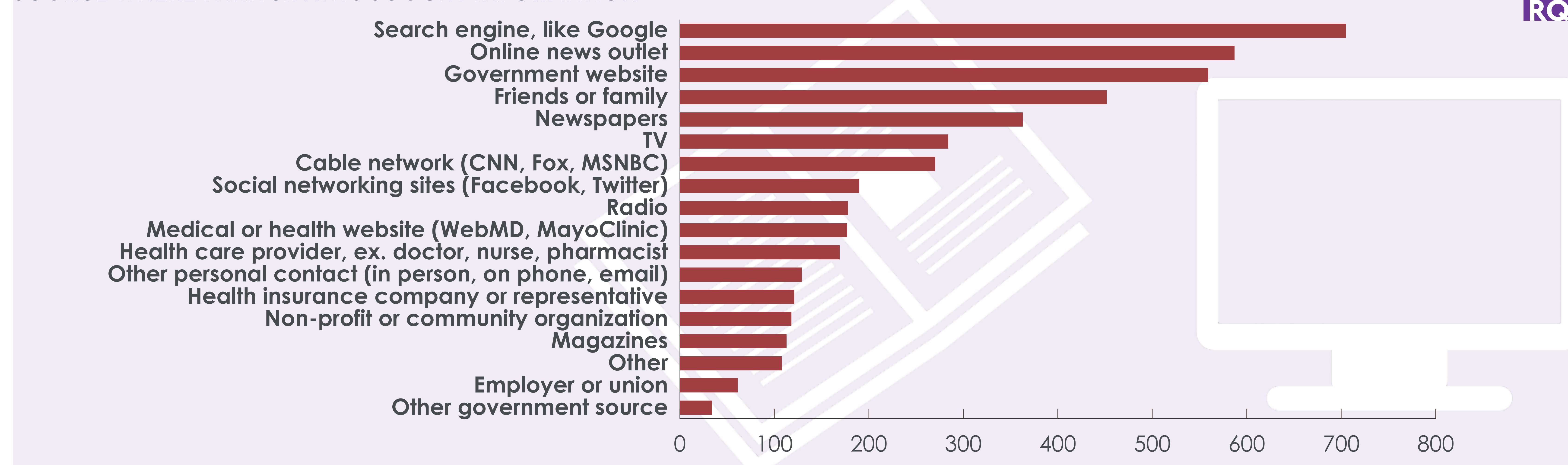
\*\* Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)  
Likely to need doctor & confident pay for care: 1= Yes, 2= Maybe, 3= No Overall health: 1= Very Good 5= Very Poor

### OPINION BASED ON THE NAME USED TO REFERENCE THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

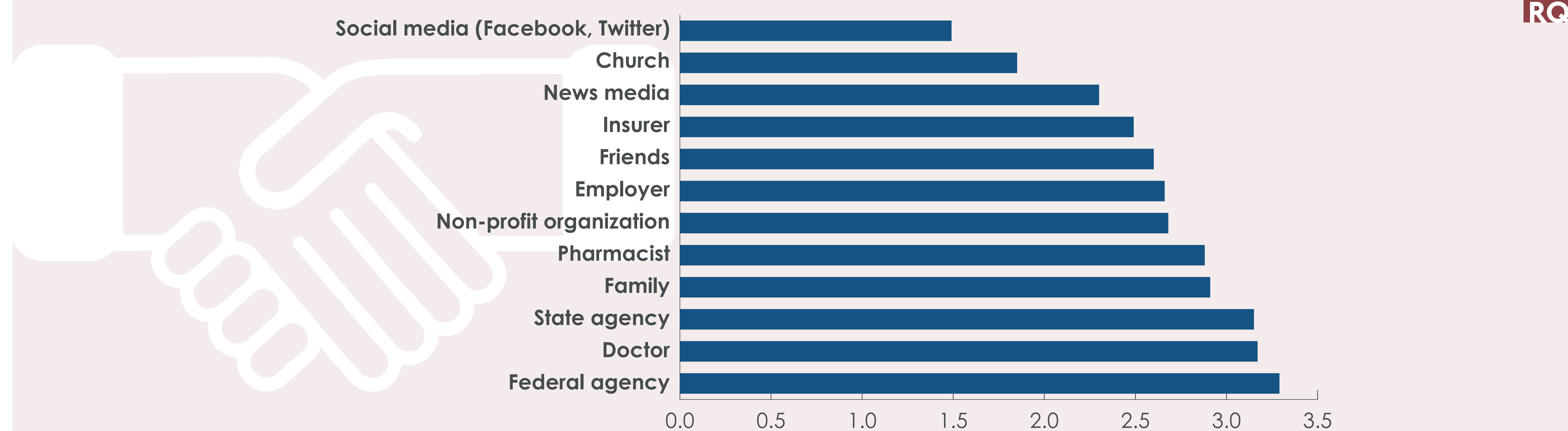
		†	Standard Error	β
Do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of Obamacare?	Personal political party	-0.298	0.035	-0.006
	Parent's political party	-3.076	0.031	-0.068*
	Overall support for social services (composite measure)	38.872	0.028	0.827**
Do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Affordable Care Act?	Personal political party	0.967	0.035	0.021
	Parent's political party	-3.474	0.03	-0.077**
	Overall support for social services (composite measure)	37.933	0.028	0.819**

\*p < .005 \*\*p < .001

### SOURCE WHERE PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT INFORMATION



### PARTICIPANTS' TRUST IN INFORMATION SOURCE



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Survey frequencies: Income, employment status, gender and age of study participants

### Household Income

	Frequency	Percent
Under \$20,000	352	25.8%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	312	22.9%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	130	9.5%
\$60,000 to \$80,000	140	10.3%
\$80,000 to \$100,000	109	8.0%
\$100,000 to \$250,000	236	17.3%
\$250,000 to \$500,000	61	4.5%
\$500,000 or more	22	1.6%

### Employment status

	Frequency	Percent
Unemployed	15	1.1%
Full-time student	1160	83.3%
Part-time student	30	2.2%
Employed part-time	32	2.3%
Employed full-time	73	5.2%
Retired	1	0.1%
Other	82	5.9%

### Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Male	461	33.3%
Female	925	66.7%

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### Age (Mean = 23)

	Frequency	Percent
17	1	0.1
18	154	9.6
19	124	7.7
20	148	9.2
21	148	9.2
22	109	6.7
23	102	6.4
24	103	6.4
25	92	5.7
26	102	6.4
27	91	5.7
28	77	4.8
29	66	4.1
30	53	3.3

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### What is your parents' political party?

		Do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of <b>Obamacare?</b>					
		Very fav.	Somewhat fav.	Neither.	Somewhat unfav.	Very unfav.	Totals
Republican	Count	25	82	51	74	68	300
	Percent	8.30%	27.30%	17.00%	24.70%	22.70%	100.00%
Democrat	Count	85	109	28	8	6	236
	Percent	36.00%	46.20%	11.90%	3.40%	2.50%	100.00%
Independent	Count	17	44	30	13	12	116
	Percent	14.70%	37.90%	25.90%	11.20%	10.30%	100.00%
Another party	Count	10	19	6	6	5	46
	Percent	21.70%	41.30%	13.00%	13.00%	10.90%	100.00%
Total	Count	137	254	115	101	91	698
	Percent	19.60%	36.40%	16.50%	14.50%	13.00%	100.00%

		Do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of the <b>Affordable Care Act?</b>					
		Very fav.	Somewhat fav.	Neither.	Somewhat unfav.	Very unfav.	Totals
Republican	Count	17	75	52	61	64	269
	Percent	6.30%	27.90%	19.30%	22.70%	23.80%	100.00%
Democrat	Count	79	108	25	13	4	229
	Percent	34.50%	47.20%	10.90%	5.70%	1.70%	100.00%
Independent	Count	28	42	28	16	14	128
	Percent	21.90%	32.80%	21.90%	12.50%	10.90%	100.00%
Another party	Count	16	22	10	5	5	58
	Percent	27.60%	37.90%	17.20%	8.60%	8.60%	100.00%
Total	Count	140	247	115	95	87	684
	Percent	20.50%	36.10%	16.80%	13.90%	12.70%	100.00%

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### In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

		Do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of <b>Obamacare</b> ?					
		Very fav.	Somewhat fav.	Neither.	Somewhat unfav.	Very unfav.	Totals
Republican	Count	1	8	11	40	54	114
	Percent	0.90%	7.00%	9.60%	35.10%	47.40%	100.00%
Democrat	Count	113	158	26	5	2	304
	Percent	37.20%	52.00%	8.60%	1.60%	0.70%	100.00%
Independent	Count	22	77	74	50	26	249
	Percent	8.80%	30.90%	29.70%	20.10%	10.40%	100.00%
Another party	Count	3	12	5	7	9	36
	Percent	8.30%	33.30%	13.90%	19.40%	25.00%	100.00%
Total	Count	139	255	116	102	91	703
	Percent	19.80%	36.30%	16.50%	14.50%	12.90%	100.00%

### Do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of the **Affordable Care Act**?

		Very fav.	Somewhat fav.	Neither.	Somewhat unfav.	Very unfav.	Totals
Republican	Count	0	12	20	39	41	112
	Percent	0.00%	10.70%	17.90%	34.80%	36.60%	100.00%
Democrat	Count	107	147	29	8	0	291
	Percent	36.80%	50.50%	10.00%	2.70%	0.00%	100.00%
Independent	Count	29	78	59	41	37	244
	Percent	11.90%	32.00%	24.20%	16.80%	15.20%	100.00%
Another party	Count	4	12	7	7	9	39
	Percent	10.30%	30.80%	17.90%	17.90%	23.10%	100.00%
Total	Count	140	249	115	95	87	686
	Percent	20.40%	36.30%	16.80%	13.80%	12.70%	100.00%

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Charts: Parents' and Participants' political party affiliation and negative attitude toward PPACA by name

