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**PUBLIC VALUES AND BELIEFS ABOUT  
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM, 2019  
RURAL U.S. ADULTS, BY PARTY**

This survey was conducted for The Commonwealth Fund, *The New York Times*, and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, via telephone (landline and cell phone) by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish, **July 10 – August 11, 2019**, among a nationally representative probability-based sample of 2,005 adults age 18 or older. The margin of error for the total respondents is +/-2.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Data include interviews among 244 adults living in the rural (non-MSA) U.S. who identified as Republicans, Democrats, or Independents. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Q12. In the future, how involved do you think the federal government should be in health care? Should it be (more involved), (less involved), or about as involved as it is now?

	More involved	Less involved	Involved as it is now	Don't know/ Refused
<b>Total Rural (all parties)</b>	30	46	21	3
<b>Rural Republicans</b>	6	70	23	1
<b>Rural Democrats</b>	61	16	20	3
<b>Rural Independents</b>	28	46	20	5

Q13. Do you think it is the responsibility of the government to make sure all Americans have health insurance coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the government?

	Responsibility of government	Not responsibility of government	Don't know/ Refused
<b>Total Rural (all parties)</b>	46	51	3
<b>Rural Republicans</b>	18	80	1
<b>Rural Democrats</b>	78	17	5
<b>Rural Independents</b>	48	50	2

Q25. Thinking about when something is run by the federal government today, do you think it is generally run very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?

	Very/ somewhat well (net)	Not too/not well at all (net)	Don't know/ Refused
<b>Total Rural (all parties)</b>	40	59	1
<b>Rural Republicans</b>	37	61	2
<b>Rural Democrats</b>	57	41	2
<b>Rural Independents</b>	28	72	<1

**Medicare for All**

Q9. Currently there is a lot of discussion about what type of health insurance system the U.S. should have in the future. There are three proposals that are currently being discussed. Please tell me for each of the following whether you would support or oppose it. How about changing our health care system so that all Americans would get health insurance from Medicare, which is now mainly for people age 65 or over and is paid for by taxpayers. This plan is often called Medicare for All. Would you support or oppose this? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Would you strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose)?)

	<b>Strongly/ somewhat support</b>	<b>Strongly/ somewhat oppose</b>	<b>Don't know/ Refused</b>
<b>Total Rural (all parties)</b>	48	49	3
<b>Rural Republicans</b>	24	73	3
<b>Rural Democrats</b>	80	18	2
<b>Rural Independents</b>	47	49	4

Q33. As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

	<b>Favorable</b>	<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>Don't know/ Refused</b>
<b>Total Rural (all parties)</b>	38	56	6
<b>Rural Republicans</b>	15	84	1
<b>Rural Democrats</b>	69	23	7
<b>Rural Independents</b>	37	54	9