

## Polling News & Notes

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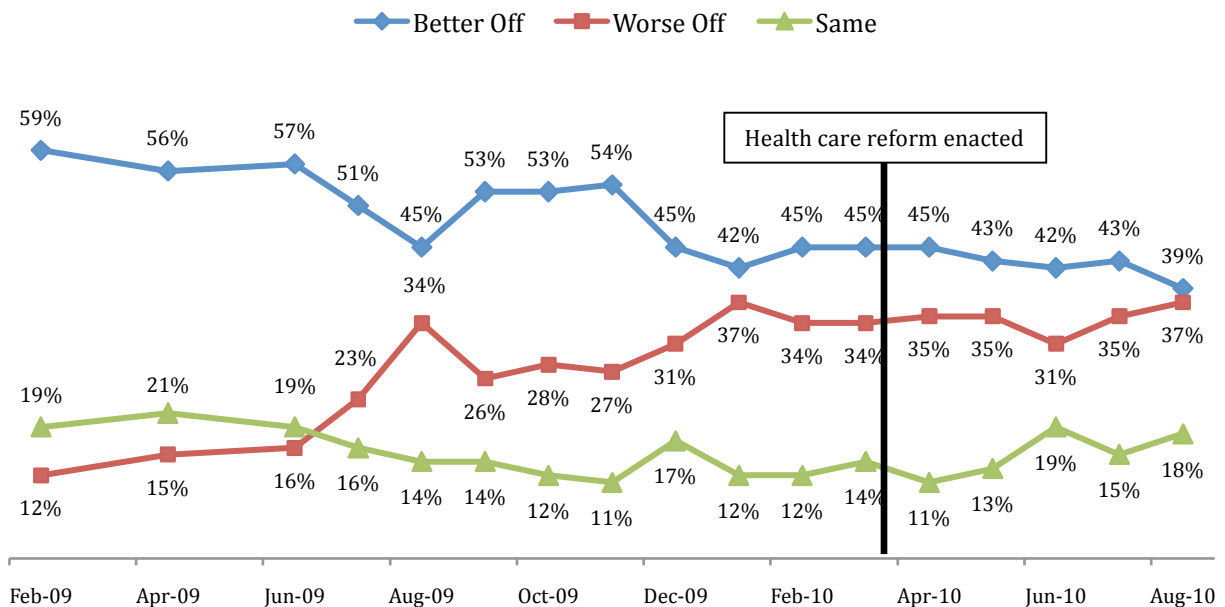
**Voters Souring on Obamacare:** When President Obama signed health care reform into law, Democratic pundit Paul Begala [predicted](#) voters “would start to view Democratic leadership in Congress more favorably” once health care reform was enacted. But this week, a [new poll](#) by the Kaiser Foundation shows Americans have examined Obamacare and don’t like what they see. This is especially interesting since Kaiser’s polls have generally portrayed President Obama’s health care in a more favorable light than others.

The Kaiser poll found more Americans now have an unfavorable opinion of health care reform (45%) than a favorable one (43%)—a net slide of 15 points from July, when 50% were favorable and 35% were unfavorable. Among independents, 41% are now favorable and 48% unfavorable.

Additionally, the number of Americans who think health care reform has made the country better off slid 4 points in the past month and 6 points since reform was enacted in March. Since Kaiser began asking the question in February 2009, opinion on whether health care reform would be good for the country has gone from 59% better and 12% worse to 39% better and 37% worse.

### Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Feb. 2009 to Aug. 2010

*Do you think the country as a whole will be better off or worse off under the new health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?*



When health care reform passed in March, Speaker Pelosi declared it “our gift to the American people.” Six months later, polls show the American people may be looking to exchange that gift.