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Disapproval of Obama Handling of ACA Implementation: The Obama Administration's announcement of yet another ObamaCare delay on Monday was not just a reminder of how flawed President Barack Obama's signature domestic achievement is. This latest abdication of responsibility reinforces what most Americans –across almost all demographic categoriesbelieve to be true: Mr. Obama is doing a poor job implementing the Affordable Care Act.

According to a January 23 ABC News/Washington Post poll, only 37% of all Americans "approve of the way Obama is handling implementation of the new health care law." A whopping 59% disapprove. Only Democrats approve of the president's handling. Americans aged 18-39 disapprove of the job Mr. Obama is doing implementing the law by 55% to 41%; those making less than \$50,000/year disapprove 56% to 39%; women disapprove 57% to 40%; self-described moderates disapprove 58% to 39%; and Americans with only high school education or less disapprove 59% to 32%.

Other groups disapprove even more than the national number of 59%. College graduates disapprove by 60% to 38%; those aged 40-64 years disapprove 61% to 35%; men disapprove 62% to 33%; those 65 years and older disapprove 63% to 35%; Americans making \$50,000 to \$100,000/year disapprove 63% to 35%; independents disapprove 65% to 33%; those earning \$100,000+/year disapprove 65% to 34%; and Republicans disapprove 89% to 8%.

If Mr. Obama has this much trouble proving to one-time supporters, such as 18-29 year olds, that he can implement health care reform efficiently, how does he expect them to believe he can successfully tackle the economy, immigration, and other big issues? It is going to be difficult to start new initiatives during this "Year of Action" when he has to fix such big problems with policies he has already begun to implement.

