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Declining Support For Iran Deal: Many senators and congressmen have announced their support or opposition to President Barack Obama's deal with Iran on its nuclear program, but what do Americans think? The Pew Research Center released a <u>report</u> this week that shows public support has decreased among Americans since the deal was announced on July 14.

According to the study, 21% of Americans support the deal today compared to 33% in mid-July, a twelve-point drop, while the percentage of people who oppose the deal rose from 45% in mid-July to 49% today.

The number of those who disapprove of the deal increased nine points among Republicans during that period, from 69% to 78%, but remained the same among Independents at 47%. Support among Republicans has always been low, but support among Democrats fell eight points over the last two months, from 50% to 42%, and among Independents eleven points, from 31% in July to 20% in September.

Forty-two percent said they have no confidence at all that Iran's leaders will uphold their side of the agreement today, up from 37% in mid-July. Fewer Americans think the agreement would improve the relationship between the U.S. and Iran (down to 18% from 23%), and slightly more Americans think the relationship will get worse (up to 30% from 28%). A growing number of Americans see no benefit to this deal, no matter what Congress says.

