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**PUBLIC VALUES AND BELIEFS ABOUT
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM, BY RACE, 2019**

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 201 non-Hispanic Black adults and 1327 non-Hispanic White adults.

Q2. How important will health care issues be in your vote in the 2020 election? Very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? (Among registered voters)

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	Will not vote in 2020	Don't know/Refused
Black Adults	81	13	4	1	1	*
White Adults	58	28	9	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
Black Adults	75	22	3
White Adults	49	47	4

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. (First/Next), how about: (INSERT ITEM). Would you support or oppose this? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Would you strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose)?)

Medicare for All

- a. 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.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/Refused
Black Adults	53	25	10	9	3
White Adults	30	19	12	36	3

Keep and Improve the Existing ACA

- b. Keeping the existing Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, and passing additional legislation to improve how it works.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/Refused
Black Adults	68	20	4	6	1
White Adults	26	25	11	32	5

Replace the ACA with a State-Based Option

- c. Replacing the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, with a new law that would give taxpayer funding to states to design their own health insurance systems with fewer federal rules.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/Refused
Black Adults	19	18	23	34	6
White Adults	22	28	16	27	7