

Don't Believe The Spin: ObamaCare Is A Major Issue For Voters

The Left is trying to tell us that ObamaCare has receded as a campaign issue because voters are by and large satisfied with the law.

Nothing could be further from the truth, but the White House cannot allow the actual story to be told because it would undermine their narrative that ObamaCare is becoming more popular now that it is being implemented.

A wealth of polling results do destroy their narrative. This election could in fact create a “Repeal Majority” in Congress of elected officials who have pledged in their campaigns to repeal and replace the law.

An in depth survey conducted by Public Opinion Strategies (POS) for Independent Women’s Voice [shows](#) that ObamaCare is a deciding issue among those voters who are most passionate about voting. And by two to one, they oppose the law, and most strongly oppose it.

In fact, the POS survey of swing districts showed that 58% of Americans say they, a family member, or friend already have been impacted by the law, and twice as many say the impact has been negative as positive. The cost of health insurance and rising premium rates topped the list of negative responses, followed by poor coverage, loss of doctors, and limited access to hospitals and other providers. On Friday, 30,000 residents of Indiana learned their health insurance policies are being [cancelled](#) and likely will be swept into policies with much higher premiums.

Majorities of respondents disapprove of the Affordable Care Act, the IWV survey found.

“Voters in key congressional districts are clear in their opposition to what they have felt, seen, read and heard on the health-care law. Six-in-ten respondents have been impacted by the law, overwhelmingly the effect on Americans has been negative (60% – 38%),” said IWV President and CEO Heather R. Higgins. “While negative impact is felt across all age groups, seniors (65+) overwhelmingly (70%) report being negatively impacted by ObamaCare and 85 percent of uninsured respondents said the law has been negative. So who is ObamaCare actually helping?”

And if we need more evidence, a [poll](#) released last week by CBS News found that ObamaCare is under water by 19% — only 36% of voters support the law and 55% oppose it.

Policy expert Jeff Anderson has an important [post](#) over at The Weekly Standard about defensive claims by the Left that ObamaCare has receded as a campaign issue. He cites a survey released this weekend by the [Des Moines Register](#) showing Obamacare as the main issue in this election. As Anderson reports:

In a state that was to the left of the nation as a whole during each of the past three presidential elections, the Register finds that Republican Joni Ernst is leading Democrat Bruce Braley by 51 to 44 percent. The #1 reason why Ernst supporters said they are voting for her is “to get one step closer to repealing Obamacare” — 30 percent gave that answer. In contrast, the desire “to elect a person who will support Obamacare, while working to make it better” was only the #5 reason why Braley supporters said they are voting for him — only 13 percent gave that answer.