

FAU poll shows slight majority of Floridians want to expand or keep Obamacare the same

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BOCA RATON, Fla. — More Floridians approve of the Affordable Care Act than disapprove of it, and a majority would like to see the federal health care law kept the same or even expanded to include more people, a new Florida Atlantic University poll released Thursday shows.

When asked about the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, 46 percent of respondents said they approve it, while 39 percent said they did not approve it.

Opinions were similar when those polled were asked if they would like to see Obamacare expanded. About 39 percent said yes, with 14 percent saying they were fine with keeping it the same. But 18 percent said they wanted to see the law repealed; 29 percent they wanted to see the law replaced. It found that overall 73 percent of those polled were concerned that people would lose their health insurance if Obamacare were repealed.

When asked if government should be responsible for ensuring all Americans have healthcare coverage, 64 percent said “yes” while 19 percent disagreed.

The survey was done by the Florida Atlantic University Business and Economics Polling Initiative.

Respondents also were not keen on different provisions offered by Republican lawmakers to replace parts of Obamacare, including offering tax credits and reducing federal funding to Medicaid.

“It is evident that Floridians oppose the new healthcare proposals,” said Monica Escaleras, FAU’s poll director. “These proposals are perceived to be hurting low income and older people, while benefiting those with incomes higher than \$250,000.”

The poll also found that President Donald Trump’s approval rating was only 36 percent, a slight uptick from February’s survey when it was 34 percent.

The survey included interviews with 500 Florida residents carried out from March 10-13, with a margin of error of 4.3 percentage points.

The FAU press release about the poll, the polling results and full crosstabulations can be viewed [here](#).

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