Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #16195

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New York 01: 600 likely voters from New York's 1st Congressional District were interviewed by SurveyUSA 01/16/10 through 01/18/10, using Registration Based Sample (RBS) from Aristotle in Washington DC. A likely voter is defined as someone whose household voted in both 2006 and 2008 elections. Incumbent Democrat Tim Bishop is in his 4th term in the US House of Representatives.

1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Approve	42%	38%	46%	**	32%	40%	49%	34%	45%	43%	**	**	**	19%	70%	36%
Disapprove	53%	57%	48%	**	64%	56%	44%	63%	50%	52%	**	**	**	74%	25%	61%
Not Sure	5%	5%	5%	**	4%	4%	7%	3%	5%	5%	**	**	**	7%	5%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

2 If there were an election for US House of Representatives today, and the only two candidates on the ballot were Democrat Tim Bishop and Republican Randy Altschuler, who would you vote for?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Tim Bishop (D)	47%	42%	52%	**	42%	46%	50%	43%	48%	48%	**	**	**	23%	75%	40%
Randy Altschuler (R)	45%	52%	40%	**	52%	49%	40%	51%	44%	44%	**	**	**	66%	19%	55%
Undecided	8%	6%	9%	**	6%	6%	10%	6%	8%	7%	**	**	**	11%	6%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

3 Are you satisfied? Or dissatisfied? With the quality of the health care you receive?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-3.3 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Satisfied	79%	79%	78%	**	74%	75%	84%	74%	80%	79%	**	**	**	85%	71%	81%
Dissatisfied	17%	16%	17%	**	22%	20%	11%	22%	15%	17%	**	**	**	11%	21%	16%
Not Sure	5%	4%	5%	**	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%	**	**	**	4%	8%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

4 Are you satisfied? Or dissatisfied? With what you have to pay when you need health care?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Satisfied	62%	66%	59%	**	57%	59%	68%	57%	64%	62%	**	**	**	67%	53%	67%
Dissatisfied	34%	32%	35%	**	42%	39%	25%	42%	32%	34%	**	**	**	28%	42%	31%
Not Sure	4%	2%	6%	**	2%	3%	6%	2%	5%	3%	**	**	**	5%	5%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

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5 There are many pieces to the health care reform bill that is being considered by Congress. One change, called the individual mandate, would require every American to carry health insurance, whether they want insurance or not. Are you familiar with the individual mandate?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-3.4 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Yes	77%	80%	75%	**	79%	84%	71%	79%	77%	77%	**	**	**	71%	79%	81%
No	21%	18%	23%	**	20%	16%	25%	20%	21%	21%	**	**	**	27%	19%	17%
Not Sure	2%	2%	2%	**	1%	0%	4%	1%	2%	2%	**	**	**	2%	2%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

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6 Is it a good idea? Or a bad idea? To require Americans to carry health insurance?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Good Idea	50%	42%	57%	**	42%	47%	55%	43%	52%	52%	**	**	**	34%	73%	42%
Bad Idea	44%	53%	36%	**	54%	46%	38%	53%	42%	43%	**	**	**	59%	21%	54%
Not Sure	6%	4%	7%	**	3%	6%	6%	4%	6%	6%	**	**	**	7%	6%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

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7 Under one proposal, if a person does not carry health insurance from a private insurance company, they would be fined up to 2% of their income. Is this fair? Or unfair?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-3.8 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Fair	23%	24%	23%	**	19%	26%	24%	20%	24%	24%	**	**	**	11%	39%	19%
Unfair	67%	70%	65%	**	74%	67%	65%	73%	66%	66%	**	**	**	82%	49%	73%
Not Sure	9%	6%	12%	**	7%	8%	11%	8%	10%	10%	**	**	**	6%	12%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

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8 Thinking about the proposal that requires everyone to either carry private health insurance or be fined, are you strongly in favor, somewhat in favor, somewhat opposed, or strongly opposed?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Strongly In Favor	18%	20%	15%	**	14%	16%	21%	14%	18%	18%	**	**	**	8%	31%	13%
Somewhat In Favor	22%	18%	26%	**	15%	24%	23%	17%	24%	23%	**	**	**	18%	29%	20%
Somewhat Opposed	16%	14%	18%	**	16%	16%	17%	15%	16%	16%	**	**	**	16%	15%	18%
Strongly Opposed	41%	46%	36%	**	53%	41%	36%	51%	38%	40%	**	**	**	55%	22%	48%
Not Sure	3%	2%	4%	**	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	**	**	**	4%	4%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

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9 If the bill required individuals to have health insurance, but gave them the choice of buying health insurance from a private insurance company, OR buying into the government run Medicare program ... would you be strongly in favor, somewhat in favor, somewhat opposed, or strongly opposed?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Strongly In Favor	37%	35%	39%	**	23%	42%	40%	24%	41%	38%	**	**	**	21%	57%	33%
Somewhat In Favor	26%	23%	28%	**	31%	21%	27%	32%	24%	27%	**	**	**	29%	25%	23%
Somewhat Opposed	10%	11%	9%	**	15%	8%	10%	14%	9%	10%	**	**	**	16%	4%	12%
Strongly Opposed	23%	27%	20%	**	26%	26%	20%	26%	23%	22%	**	**	**	31%	10%	29%
Not Sure	3%	3%	3%	**	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	**	**	**	4%	3%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

10 If the bill did not require people to buy health insurance, but instead, increased a payroll tax to provide everyone with basic government run health insurance through Medicare ... would you be strongly in favor, somewhat in favor, somewhat opposed, or strongly opposed?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Strongly In Favor	21%	20%	22%	**	13%	18%	28%	13%	23%	21%	**	**	**	11%	35%	16%
Somewhat In Favor	20%	19%	22%	**	17%	20%	22%	17%	21%	21%	**	**	**	16%	29%	17%
Somewhat Opposed	12%	10%	14%	**	10%	11%	13%	11%	12%	12%	**	**	**	11%	10%	13%
Strongly Opposed	45%	52%	40%	**	59%	49%	36%	58%	42%	45%	**	**	**	59%	25%	53%
Not Sure	1%	1%	2%	**	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	**	**	**	3%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

11 Would you prefer Representative Tim Bishop to vote... for the bill that would fine those individuals who do not carry health insurance? To vote for a version that does not fine individuals? Or, to vote against any health care bill?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
For Bill With Fine	22%	23%	22%	**	18%	22%	25%	18%	24%	23%	**	**	**	11%	39%	16%
For Bill Without Fine	33%	28%	37%	**	33%	31%	34%	33%	32%	33%	**	**	**	29%	36%	32%
Against Any Bill	41%	47%	36%	**	46%	45%	36%	45%	40%	40%	**	**	**	56%	19%	51%
Not Sure	4%	2%	5%	**	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	**	**	**	4%	5%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

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12 If Tim Bishop votes to pass a health care bill that would fine those individuals who do not carry private health insurance, does your opinion of Bishop go up? Go down? Or stay the same?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Goes Up	14%	15%	13%	**	12%	13%	16%	12%	15%	14%	**	**	**	8%	22%	11%
Goes Down	42%	48%	37%	**	53%	45%	34%	52%	39%	41%	**	**	**	55%	22%	50%
Stays The Same	39%	33%	44%	**	33%	37%	44%	33%	41%	40%	**	**	**	31%	50%	35%
Not Sure	5%	4%	6%	**	3%	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%	**	**	**	6%	6%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

13 If Tim Bishop votes to pass a health care bill that that would fine those individuals who do not carry private health insurance and in return brings additional federal money to New York's 1st congressional district, does your opinion of Bishop go up? Go down? Or stay the same?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Goes Up	15%	17%	14%	**	11%	17%	16%	11%	16%	15%	**	**	**	9%	26%	11%
Goes Down	34%	40%	29%	**	43%	38%	27%	42%	32%	33%	**	**	**	39%	16%	46%
Stays The Same	43%	39%	48%	**	37%	40%	50%	38%	45%	45%	**	**	**	46%	50%	37%
Not Sure	7%	4%	10%	**	9%	5%	8%	9%	7%	7%	**	**	**	6%	8%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

14 Assume Tim Bishop votes to pass a version of the health care bill that does NOT include a fine. If there were an election for US House of Representatives and the only two candidates on the ballot were Democrat Tim Bishop and Republican Randy Altschuler, who would you vote for?

600 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.1 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe
Tim Bishop (D)	45%	40%	50%	**	33%	46%	51%	35%	48%	47%	**	**	**	24%	73%	37%
Randy Altschuler (R)	44%	50%	38%	**	50%	47%	38%	50%	42%	42%	**	**	**	63%	19%	52%
Undecided	11%	10%	12%	**	16%	7%	12%	16%	10%	11%	**	**	**	12%	8%	11%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	48%	52%	1%	19%	38%	41%	21%	79%	91%	3%	3%	3%	27%	33%	39%

** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.