



## Zogby/O'Leary Poll Sparks Nationwide Protest Against Obamacare and Taxpayer-Funded Abortions

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Washington, D.C. — Several pro-life groups, including Operation Rescue and the Christian Defense Coalition, have launched the “I Am 71” project to draw attention to the 71 percent of Americans who are opposed to allowing taxpayer-funded abortions in the current health care reform legislation. The groups recently unfurled a 100-foot “71” banner on the west lawn of the White House. An amendment that would have banned federal funding for abortions in the health care bill failed by a 13-10 vote in the Senate Finance Committee last week.

The 71 percent number comes from a poll conducted by Zogby International and *The O'Leary Report* in December of last year. The poll surveyed 2,481 American voters and had a margin-of-error of plus-or-minus two percentage points. The poll asked:

President-elect Obama has proposed a bill that would force many employers to provide health insurance to their employees. Do you believe that this bill should also require insurance plans pay for abortions when the abortions are performed as a method of birth control?

A strong majority of Americans (71 percent) said abortion coverage should not be included in such a bill, while only 20 percent said yes to abortion coverage. Seventy percent of Independent voters said no, as did a majority of Democratic voters (53 percent). Even 53 percent of those who voted for President Obama just one month prior to the poll being conducted said no to abortion coverage.

The same Zogby/O'Leary poll asked:

The Hyde Amendment says that federal tax funds may be used to pay for abortions only to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest. Some

lawmakers are proposing to repeal this law, which would result in taxpayer funding of abortions performed as a method of birth control. Do you favor or oppose the repeal of the Hyde Amendment?

Sixty-nine percent of American voters opposed repealing the Hyde Amendment, while only 21 percent supported a repeal. A majority of Democrats (53 percent) and Independents (68 percent) also opposed repealing the Amendment, as did 50 percent of those who voted for President Obama.

“President Obama and Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee are so bent on opening the door to taxpayer-funded abortions that they’re willing to buck their own party’s base,” said Brad O’Leary, publisher of *The O’Leary Report*. “It’s almost as if they are trying to make their health care bill even more unpopular than it already is.”

*Brad O’Leary is publisher of “The O’Leary Report,” a bestselling author, and is a former NBC Westwood One talk show host. To let your Congressman and Senators know where you stand on 14 critical health care reform issues, go to [www.HealthCareVote.com](http://www.HealthCareVote.com).*

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