

Poll: Bush not trusted on healthcare

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A new poll suggests that U.S. citizens do not trust U.S. President George Bush to reform the nation's healthcare system while 50 percent trust the Democrats.

The Wall Street Journal Online/Harris healthcare poll found that 49 percent of the 2,482 adults polled from Feb. 7-9 responded "not at all" when asked how much they trust Bush to reform the U.S. healthcare system, while 16 percent said "not much," 18 percent responded "to some extent" and 9 percent said "a great deal," The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

Meanwhile, 50 percent said they trust the Democrats "a great deal" or "to some extent" on the issue, compared to 28 percent who said the same about Republicans as a whole.

Among specific presidential hopefuls, 48 percent of the poll's respondents said they trust U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., a great deal or to some extent to reform the healthcare system, 45 percent expressed similar feelings about U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., 43 percent said they trust Republican Rudy Giuliani, 34 percent said the same about U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and 19 percent said they trust former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican.

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