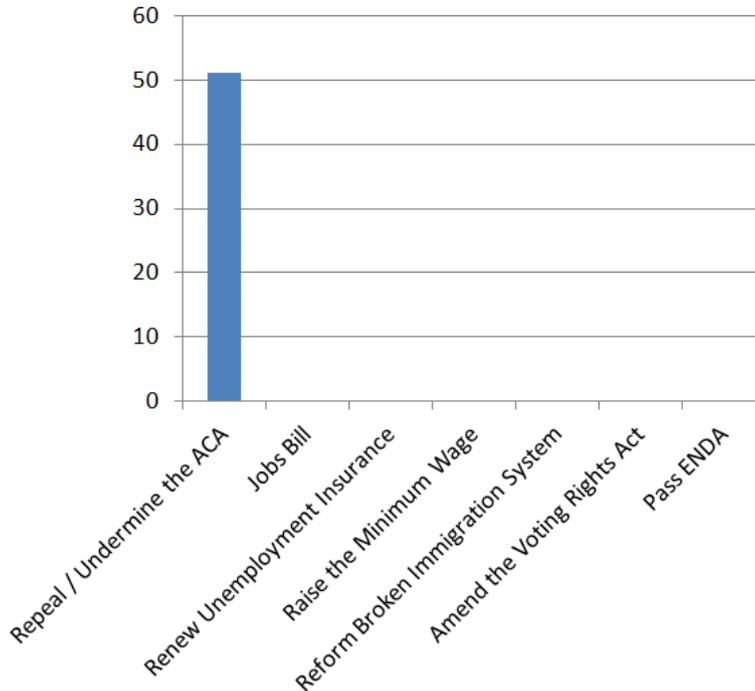


## Republicans Continue Obsessive Focus on Undermining Affordable Care Act, Ignoring Critical Issues

This week, House Republicans have scheduled their 51<sup>st</sup> vote to repeal or undermine the Affordable Care Act, instead of taking action on a long list of critical legislation. While refusing to take action to create jobs, renew emergency unemployment insurance, raise the minimum wage, pass comprehensive immigration reform, amend the Voting Rights Act, or pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, House Republicans are instead wasting time with partisan legislation.

Here's a look at how many times House Republicans will have voted to...



Republican efforts to repeal or undermine the Affordable Care Act would remove important patient protections and benefits for millions of Americans:

- Already, 4 million Americans have signed up for private insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act marketplaces.
- A new Gallup poll shows the rate of uninsured Americans has fallen from 17.1% in 2013 to 15.9% in February 2014:
  - Uninsured 26 to 34-year-olds have dropped from 28.2% at the end of 2013 to 26.6% in 2014.
  - Uninsured 35 to 64-years old have dropped from 18% to 16.3%. [[Gallup 3/10](#)]

Instead of working with Democrats to strengthen the law, Republicans are still trying to undermine the law. House Republicans have turned a bipartisan, bicameral agreement to permanently fix the sustainable growth rate (SGR) into a partisan issue by attaching a repeal of the Affordable Care Act individual mandate. That policy will not advance in the Senate, and is opposed by the White House and the medical community:

- Ardis Dee Hoven, President of the American Medical Association: "**We are disappointed with the decision to pursue a partisan path.**" [[The Hill, 3/9](#)]
- Molly Cooke, President of the American College of Physicians: "**We cannot support linking SGR repeal to changes in current law that will result in fewer people getting health insurance coverage.**" [[The Hill, 3/9](#)]

Instead of a pointless obsession with destroying the Affordable Care Act, House Republicans should take action on the issues important to Americans, including renewing unemployment insurance, raising the minimum wage, creating jobs, passing ENDA, protecting voting rights, and passing comprehensive immigration reform.