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Maybe that democracy thing did work

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A *USA Today*/Gallup poll conducted one day after the health care reform bill received a majority of votes in the U.S. House of Representatives found that Americans' emotional responses to the bill's passage are more positive than negative -- with 50% enthusiastic or pleased versus 42% angry or disappointed -- and are similar to their general reactions.

Nearly half of Americans give a thumbs-up to Congress' passage of a healthcare reform bill last weekend, with 49% calling it "a good thing."

Republicans and Democrats have polar opposite reactions, with independents evenly split.

Interpreting the poll results, the Gallup people said: "Passage of healthcare reform was a clear political victory for President Obama and his allies in Congress."

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