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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: November 2009

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Methodology

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Claudia Deane and Carolina Gutiérrez. The survey was conducted November 5 through November 12, 2009, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,203 adults ages 18 and older. Note that interviews were conducted both before and after the vote on the House leadership bill on November 7. Our analysis found no substantive differences in opinion before and after the House vote. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (802) and cell phone (401, including 112 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for the total sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error is higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Trends in this document come from surveys listed on the last page.

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*).

“VOL” indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

1. Which comes closer to describing your own views? Given the serious economic problems facing the country (we cannot afford to take on health care reform right now) OR (it is more important than ever to take on health care reform now)? (ROTATE OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES)

Based on half sample in November (n=620)

	<u>Take on now</u>	<u>Cannot afford</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
11/09 (620)	58	36	6
10/09 ¹	55	41	4
09/09	57	39	4
08/09	53	42	6
07/09	56	39	5
06/09	61	35	4
04/09	59	37	4
02/09	62	34	4
12/08	61	37	2
10/08	62	34	5

2. Which comes closer to describing your own views? (ROTATE 1-3 AND 3-1)

Based on half sample (n=583)

	<u>11/09</u>
The president and Congress need to take on health care reform now, and I like what I'm hearing about the proposals currently being considered	35
The president and Congress need to take on health care reform now, but I <u>don't like</u> what I'm hearing about the proposals being considered	33
I don't think the president and Congress should take on health care reform right now	26
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	6

¹ Trends are based on total sample.

3. What is the MAIN reason why you think the country needs to tackle health reform now?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Based on those who want health care reform now (n=722)

	<u>11/09</u>
<u>Access to care and insurance (Net)</u>	34
A lot of people need/don't have any/good health insurance/the "uninsured"	20
A lot of people can't get health care/help	10
Hard times, people losing jobs/benefits/coverage	3
It's too hard for people who have a health care issue or a preexisting condition to get good insurance	1
<u>Health care costs/Economic concerns (Net)</u>	24
Health care costs (general, not specified)	10
People can't afford/don't have money for insurance/health care/doctor visits	7
My/my family's health care is too expensive	5
Health reform will strengthen our economic situation in the long term	2
Country needs to lower health care costs	1
Fix the health care system	13
<u>Moral reasons (Net)</u>	6
Making sure everyone has health insurance is the right thing to do	4
Patriotism/Country is a world leader and its citizens should have health care	2
Get insurance companies/fraud/lawsuits under control	4
Don't like current proposals/plan specifics	2
Other	8
Don't know/Refused	10

4. What is the MAIN reason why you think the country shouldn't take on health care reform now?
[OPEN-ENDED]

Based on those who do not want health care reform now (n=419)

	<u>11/09</u>
<u>Health care costs/Economic concerns (Net)</u>	27
We can't afford to pay for health care reform right now	14
Health reform will increase the deficit/national debt	10
Reform will make my own/my family's health care more expensive	3
<u>Other needs first (Net)</u>	26
Current economy/Need to focus on the economy	14
We need to focus on other national issues and priorities (general unspecified/other than the economy)	12
Reform will get the government too involved in Americans' health care/Reform will lead to government-run health care	14
Wrong approach to health reform/Don't like the specifics of the plans	12
The health care system works well as it is	3
Reform will weaken the Medicare program/Will be bad for seniors	1
Health reform will spend money on illegal immigrants	1
Other	8
Don't know/Refused	8

5. How closely have you been following discussions in Washington about health care reform? Very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not at all?

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>09/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>07/09</u>	<u>04/09</u>	<u>02/09</u>
Very closely	28	34	36	33	27	25	23
Somewhat closely	47	44	45	45	46	47	46
Not too closely	21	16	15	15	19	21	21
Not at all	5	5	4	7	7	6	9
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	*	*	*	1	1	*	1

6. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE. ALWAYS ASK A and B FIRST) would be (better off) or (worse off) if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES) [READ IF NECESSARY: "Would (ITEM) be better off or worse off if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference?"]

Based on half sample in November (n=620)

		<u>Better off</u>	<u>Worse off</u>	<u>Wouldn't make much difference</u>	<u>(VOL.) It depends</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a. You and your family						
	11/09 (620)	42	24	27	3	4
	10/09 ²	41	27	28	2	3
	09/09	42	23	28	4	3
	08/09	36	31	27	2	4
	07/09	39	21	32	4	3
	06/09	39	16	36	3	5
	04/09	43	14	36	4	4
	02/09	38	11	43	4	3
b. The country as a whole						
	11/09 (620)	54	27	11	3	5
	10/09	53	28	12	2	4
	09/09	53	26	14	4	4
	08/09	45	34	14	3	4
	07/09	51	23	16	4	6
	06/09	57	16	19	3	5
	04/09	56	15	21	3	5
	02/09	59	12	19	5	5
c. Seniors, that is those 65 years and older						
	11/09 (620)	43	29	19	4	6
	10/09	44	29	20	2	6
	09/09	46	25	20	3	6

² Trends are based on total sample.

7. What do you think would be better for (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) when it comes to health care: if Congress passed the proposals they are currently considering, or if the current health care system were left in place with no changes?

Based on half sample (n=583)

		Pass <u>proposals</u>	No <u>changes</u>	(VOL.) No difference/ <u>Depends</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
a. You and your family	11/09	42	40	13	5
b. The country as a whole	11/09	50	39	6	4

8. What do you think would be better for (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE): if Congress passed the proposals they are currently considering, or if the current health care system were left in place with no changes?

Based on half sample (n=583)

		Pass <u>proposals</u>	No <u>changes</u>	(VOL.) No difference/ <u>Depends</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
a. the long-term financial health of the Medicare program	11/09	39	43	5	13
b. seniors on Medicare	11/09	40	43	6	12

9. For each element of health care reform I name, please tell me how important it is TO YOU PERSONALLY that it be a feature of any final reform plan. First (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), how important is that to you personally – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

		<u>Ext. imp.</u>	<u>Very imp.</u>	<u>Sw imp.</u>	<u>Not too imp.</u>	<u>Not at all imp.</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Having government provide enough financial help so that as many uninsured people as possible can get health insurance	11/09	30	35	19	7	9	1
b. Making sure affordable health insurance plans are available to the average consumer	11/09	36	43	13	2	3	2
c. Requiring that every American have health insurance	11/09	24	32	20	9	13	3
d. Creating a government-administered public health insurance option to compete with private plans	11/09	18	29	22	10	17	4
e. Filling the so-called 'donut hole' or 'coverage gap' in Medicare so seniors won't risk having a period where they have to pay the full cost of their medicines	11/09	32	36	21	5	3	2
f. Not adding to the country's budget deficit	11/09	36	33	19	5	3	4
g. Requiring health insurance companies to cover anyone who applies, even if they have a prior illness	11/09	30	41	20	4	4	2
h. Limiting the amount of money that patients can collect in medical malpractice lawsuits	11/09	19	29	26	10	11	4

(ASKED IF "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT" TO MORE THAN ONE ITEM IN Q9)

10. You named several health care issues as EXTREMELY important to you. If you had to choose, which of these would you say is most important to you personally? Is it... [READ ALL ITEMS RANKED AS 'EXTREMELY IMPORTANT' IN SAME ORDER]

	<i>Based on total</i>
	<u>11/09</u>
Making sure affordable health insurance plans are available	16
Not adding to the country's budget deficit	15
Providing government financial help to cover as many uninsured people as possible	9
Requiring insurers to cover anyone who applies	8
Requiring that every American have health insurance	7
Filling the so-called donut hole in Medicare	7
Creating a government-administered public health insurance option to compete with private plans	5
Limiting awards in medical malpractice lawsuits	5
None of these/Something else (VOL.)	*
None are extremely important	27
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	2

11. From what you have seen and heard, do you think the president and Congress will pass a health care reform bill before the start of the new year, or not?

	<u>11/09</u>
Yes	33
No	57
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	10

12. If Congress and the president did pass a health care reform bill, when would you expect that people without insurance would begin to get financial help in buying coverage: this year, next year, 3 years from now, about 5 years from now, or further in the future than that?

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>
This year	7	13
Next year	44	36
Three years from now	25	25
Five years from now	9	7
Further in the future than that	8	11
Never (VOL.)	1	1
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	6	7
		(577)

13. If Congress and the president did pass a health care reform bill, when would you expect that health insurance companies would have to begin accepting customers who have pre-existing health problems: this year, next year, 3 years from now, about 5 years from now, or further in the future than that?

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>
This year	15	17
Next year	41	34
Three years from now	22	23
Five years from now	7	8
Further in the future than that	10	9
Never (VOL.)	1	1
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	5	8

14. During the past seven days, did you see, hear or read any advertisements having to do with proposed changes in the health care system?

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>09/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>07/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>	<u>02/09</u>	<u>09/93</u>
Yes	45	45	54	45	31	21	20	40
No	55	54	45	54	68	78	79	58
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2

15. As far as you could tell, were those ads (IN FAVOR OF) passing some sort of health care reform this year, or (OPPOSED TO) passing some sort of health care reform this year? (ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)

Based on those who saw, heard or read ads related to health care reform

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>09/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>07/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>
Have seen ads in favor of passing some sort of health care reform this year	29	32	35	40	47	62
Have seen ads opposed to passing some sort of health care reform this year	37	32	29	32	39	26
Have seen both ads in favor and opposed (VOL.)	31	34	33	21	n/a	n/a
Don't know/Refused	3 (588)	2 (590)	3 (674)	7 (590)	14 (403)	12 (265)

- 14/15. Summary Table based on total

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>09/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>07/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>
Have seen ads related to health reform	45	45	54	45	31	21
In favor of passing some sort of health care reform this year	13	14	19	18	14	13
Opposed to passing some sort of health care reform this year	17	14	16	15	12	5
Have seen both (VOL.)	14	15	18	10	n/a	n/a
Don't know if ads were in favor or opposed to reform	1	1	2	3	4	3
Have not seen ads	55	54	45	54	68	78
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1	1	2	1

16. Thinking of the news media's coverage of health care reform, would you say the mix of coverage has been mostly about (politics and controversies), mostly about (how policy reforms might affect your own family), or has been a balance of the two? (ROTATE WORDS IN PARENTHESES)

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>09/09</u>
Mostly about politics and controversies	50	52	50
Mostly about how policy reforms might affect your own family	10	8	8
A balance of the two	35	35	37
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	5	4	5

17. Now I'm going to read you three different ways of increasing the number of Americans covered by health insurance. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it. Here's the first one – (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE). Do you favor or oppose this? (Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?)

		-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			DK/ Ref.
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	
a. Requiring all Americans to have health insurance, either from their employer or from another source, with financial help for those who can't afford it								
	11/09	72	39	34	25	14	11	2
	10/09	66	40	26	31	18	13	3
	09/09	68	40	28	29	15	14	3
	08/09	68	42	26	29	15	14	3
	07/09	68	37	30	29	15	13	4
	06/09	71	42	29	26	16	10	3
	04/09	72	48	24	25	13	13	3
	12/08	67	40	27	31	18	13	2
b. Creating a government-administered public health insurance option to compete with private health insurance plans								
	11/09	59	31	28	36	21	15	4
	10/09	57	29	27	39	26	12	5
	09/09	59	27	32	36	23	13	5
c. Requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund that will pay to cover those without insurance								
	11/09	68	37	32	29	17	12	3
	09/09	67	35	32	28	15	12	5
	08/09	68	38	30	28	15	13	4
	07/09	64	29	35	33	18	15	3
	06/09	69	42	27	28	16	11	3
	04/09	71	44	27	25	14	11	4
	12/08	71	47	24	26	15	11	4

18. Earlier you said you favored requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund. What if you heard that paying for this may cause some employers to lay off some workers? Would you still favor that proposal, or would you now oppose that proposal?

Based on those who favor requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>	<u>04/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
Still favor	43	41	39	41
Oppose	50	52	56	55
Don't know/Refused	7	7	5	4
	(785)	(797)	(797)	(560)

17c/18. Summary Table based on total

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>	<u>04/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
Still favor requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund	30	28	27	29
Oppose requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund	63	64	65	64
Originally	29	28	25	25
Once heard argument	34	36	40	39
Don't know/Refused	8	8	7	7

19. Earlier you said you opposed requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers. What if you heard that this would be more fair because today some employers pay for health insurance and some do not? Would you still oppose that proposal, or would you now favor that proposal?

Based on those who oppose requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>	<u>04/09</u>
Still oppose	69	67	66
Favor	23	27	28
Don't know/Refused	8	6	7
	(380)	(362)	(351)

17c/19. Summary Table based on total

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>	<u>04/09</u>
Favor requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund	75	76	78
Originally	68	69	71
Once heard argument	7	7	7
Still oppose requiring employers to offer health insurance to their workers or pay money into a government fund	20	19	17
Don't know/Refused	5	5	5

20. Aside from whether you favor or oppose them, I'd like to ask you whether you think some of these proposed changes might directly impact you and your immediate household. (First) (INSERT AND ROTATE). Would that have a positive impact on you and your family, a negative impact, or wouldn't it affect you?

		Positive <u>impact</u>	Negative <u>impact</u>	Wouldn't <u>affect</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
a. if every American was required by the government to have health insurance	11/09	31	21	43	4
b. if insurance companies were required to sell health insurance coverage to anyone who wants it, even if they have a pre-existing health problem	11/09	32	15	49	3

21. Would you be willing to pay more—either in higher health insurance premiums or higher taxes—in order to increase the number of Americans who have health insurance, or not?

Based on half sample in various months

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>09/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>07/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
Yes, willing	42	49	42	51	41	47
No, not willing	54	46	55	44	54	49
Don't know/Refused	4	5	3	5	5	4
	(583)	(649)	(600)	(609)		

22. Please tell me if you would favor or oppose each of the following to help pay for health care reform and provide coverage for more of the uninsured. How about (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? (ALWAYS READ FIRST TIME, AND REPEAT IF NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose this to help pay for health care reform and provide coverage for more of the uninsured?) (Is that strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?)

Based on half sample in November (n=620)

		-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			DK/ Ref.
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	
a.	Increasing income taxes for people from families making more than \$1 million a year and individuals making more than \$500,000 ³							
	11/09 (620)	70	47	22	28	16	12	2
	Compare to:							
	10/09	63	40	22	33	24	10	4
	09/09	70	42	28	28	16	12	2
	08/09	63	38	25	34	20	14	3
	07/09	64	40	24	33	22	11	4
	06/09	68	49	19	30	19	11	2
	04/09	71	49	22	28	18	10	1
	12/08	70	51	19	27	19	8	2
b.	Having health insurance companies pay a fee based on how much business they have							
	11/09 (620)	57	23	34	32	17	16	10
	10/09	50	25	25	41	24	18	8
	09/09	57	21	36	35	18	17	8
c.	Having health insurance companies pay a tax for offering very expensive policies							
	11/09 (620)	63	29	34	30	16	14	7
	10/09	55	31	24	39	25	13	7
	09/09	59	26	33	32	15	16	10

³ August 2009 through October 2009 trend wording read “Increasing income taxes for people from families making more than \$350,000 a year and individuals making more than \$280,000.” December 2008 through July 2009 trend wording read “Increasing income taxes for people from families making more than \$250,000 a year.”

23. Currently, the government determines how much providers such as hospitals and home health care get paid to treat people on Medicare. Would you favor or oppose limiting future increases in these sorts of provider payments as a way to help pay for health care reform?

	<u>11/09</u>	<u>10/09⁴</u>	<u>09/09</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>06/09</u>
Favor	45	45	52	47	53
Oppose	45	46	39	48	37
Don't know/Refused	10	9	9	6	10
		(623)	(649)		

24. In the past 12 months, did you or another family member in your household have any problems paying medical bills, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
11/09	31	69	*
09/09	33	67	*
08/09	24	76	*
07/09	21	79	*
06/09	26	73	1
04/09	26	73	1
02/09	22	78	1
10/08	32	68	1
09/06	25	75	*
04/05	23	77	-
04/03*	19	80	*
03/02	21	79	-

Note: slight variations in question wording

*Note: in 2003, sample included only adults ages 18-64

NO QUESTION 25.

⁴ Trend wording read "Currently, the government determines how much doctors and hospitals get paid to treat people on Medicare. Would you favor or oppose limiting future increases in these payments as a way to help pay for health care reform?"

26. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household... (READ AND RANDOMIZE) because of the COST, or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment	11/09	22	78	*
	09/09	28	71	1
	07/09	21	78	*
	06/09	27	73	1
	04/09	27	73	*
	02/09	23	77	*
	10/08	31	68	*
	04/08	23	76	*
	04/05	17	82	*
	01/00	15	85	-
b. Not filled a prescription for a medicine	11/09	26	74	*
	09/09	26	73	*
	07/09	20	80	*
	06/09	26	74	1
	04/09	29	71	1
	02/09	21	78	*
	10/08	27	72	*
	04/08	22	78	*
	04/05	20	79	*
	01/00	13	87	*
c. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine	11/09	17	83	*
	09/09	21	78	1
	07/09	15	84	*
	06/09	19	80	1
	04/09	18	81	1
	02/09	15	85	*
	10/08	22	78	*
	04/08	18	81	*
	04/05	16	84	*

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Q.26 continued

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
d. Had problems getting mental health care	11/09	6	92	1
	09/09	9	90	1
	07/09	7	92	1
	06/09	8	91	1
	04/09	8	90	2
	02/09	7	92	*
	10/08	12	87	2
	04/08	8	90	2
	04/05	7	93	1
	01/00	4	96	1
e. Put off or postponed getting health care you needed	11/09	30	69	1
	09/09	33	67	*
	07/09	27	72	*
	06/09	31	68	1
	04/09	33	67	*
	02/09	27	72	1
	10/08	36	64	*
	04/08	29	70	1
f. Skipped dental care or checkups	11/09	34	65	1
	09/09	35	65	*
	07/09	29	71	*
	06/09	35	64	1
	04/09	36	64	*
	02/09	34	66	*
g. Relied on home remedies or over the counter drugs instead of going to see a doctor	11/09	34	66	1
	09/09	44	56	*
	07/09	33	67	*
	06/09	37	63	1
	04/09	42	57	1
	02/09	35	65	1

(READ) Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX

Male	49
Female	51

D2. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	15
Very good	36
Good	33
Only fair	10
Poor	5
Don't know/Refused	*

D3. Are you NOW self-employed, working full-time for an employer, working part-time for an employer, are you retired, or are you not employed for pay?

Self-employed	9
Full-time for an employer	41
Part-time for an employer	13
Retired	19
Not employed	13
Homemaker (VOL.)	1
Student (VOL.)	1
Disabled (VOL.)	3
Don't know/Refused	*

D4. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

Covered by health insurance	81
Not covered by health insurance	18
Don't know/Refused	*

D4a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your or your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured (n=1,052)

Plan through your/your spouse's employer	52
Plan you purchased yourself	14
Medicare	20
Medicaid/Medi-CAL	5
Some other government program	4
Somewhere else	4
Don't know/Refused	1

D5. What is your age? [ENTER AGE] / ASK IF REFUSED:

D6. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ)

18-29	19
30-49	37
50-64	26
65 and older	17
Undesignated	*

D7. If you were shopping for a health insurance policy, what is the highest amount you would be able to pay for a monthly premium, that is the amount you pay each month for health insurance. Would you be able to pay (INSERT IN ORDER) a month for health insurance, or would this amount be too high? (ASK EACH ITEM UNTIL RESPONSE IS "YES")

Based on total uninsured age 18-64 (n=143)

	Yes, able <u>to pay</u>	No, amount <u>is too high</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>	Able to pay <u>more than this</u>
a. \$400	7	92	1	-
b. \$200	26	66	1	7
c. \$100	26	40	1	33
d. \$50	23	18	1	59
e. \$25	14	4	1	82

D4-D7. Combo Table based on total

Age 18-64 and currently covered by health insurance or health plan	64
Age 18-64 and do not have health insurance or health plan at this time	18
Able to pay \$400 for a monthly premium	1
Able to pay \$200 for a monthly premium	5
Able to pay \$100 for a monthly premium	5
Able to pay \$50 for a monthly premium	4
Able to pay \$25 for a monthly premium	2
Not able to pay even \$25 for a monthly premium	1
Age 65+ or refused age	18

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/
Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

Republican	24
Democratic	37
Independent	28
Or What? (<i>Other</i> and <i>None</i> included here)	8
Don't know/Refused	4

D9. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? **(DO NOT READ)**

None, or grade 1-8	3
High School incomplete (grade 9-11)	10
High School graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	29
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	6
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	25
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	20
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., towards a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	8
Don't know/Refused	*

D10. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?

Yes	34
No	66
Don't know/Refused	*

D11. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D12. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)

White, non-Hispanic	68
Total non-White	30
Black or African-American	11
Hispanic	13
Asian	2
Other mixed race	4
Undesignated	2

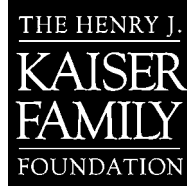
D13. Last year -- that is, in 2008 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **(READ)**

Less than \$20,000	13
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	14
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	12
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	7
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	4
\$100,000 or more	9
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	13

END OF INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.

Trend Information:

- 10/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 8-15, 2009)
- 09/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 11-18, 2009)
- 08/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 4-11, 2009)
- 07/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 7-14, 2009)
- 06/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 1-8, 2009)
- 04/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 2-8, 2009)
- 02/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 3-12, 2009)
- 12/08: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the New President and Congress* (December 4-14, 2008)
- 10/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (October 8-13, 2008)
- 04/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (April 3-13, 2008)
- 09/06: ABC News/Kaiser Family Foundation/USA Today *Health Care in America 2006 Survey* (September 7-12, 2006)
- 04/05: *USA Today*/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University *Health Care Costs Survey* (April 25-June 9, 2005)
- 04/03: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Insurance Survey* (April 30-July 20, 2003)
- 03/02: National Public Radio/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government *National Survey on Health Care* (March 28-May 1, 2002)
- 01/00: *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*/Kaiser Family Foundation *National Survey of the Uninsured* (January 10-February 9, 2000)
- 09/93: Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *Survey of Public Knowledge and Awareness of Health Reform* (September 30-October 5, 1993)



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