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HEALTH CARE IN THE 2000 ELECTION**

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N=1,515 national adults, age 18 and older  
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**NOTE: Some results will not add to 100% because of rounding**

1a. I'm going to start by reading you a list of four things that might influence your vote in next year's presidential election. Please tell me which ONE of them you think will be MOST important when you decide who to vote for. Will it be...

- 34 The candidates' stands on the issues
- 24 The candidates' leadership abilities
- 24 The candidates' character and moral values
- 11 The candidates' experience
- 2 Not interested in politics/Don't plan to vote (VOL.)
- 1 None of these/Other factor (VOL.)
- 4 Don't know/Refused

1b. And which of these will be NEXT MOST important in deciding your vote for president?

- 29 The candidates' leadership abilities
- 23 The candidates' stands on the issues
- 21 The candidates' character and moral values
- 18 The candidates' experience
- 2 None of these/Other factor (VOL.)
- 1 Don't know/Refused
- 6 Named no/other first most important factor

- 1a. Please tell me which ONE of them you think will be MOST important when you decide who to vote for. Will it be...
- 1b. And which of these will be NEXT MOST important in deciding your vote for president?

First or Second Most Important Factor

- 56 The candidates' stands on the issues  
 54 The candidates' leadership abilities  
 46 The candidates' character and moral values  
 29 The candidates' experience

2. Now I'm going to read you a short list of issues that might be discussed during next year's presidential campaign. After I read them all, tell me which one or two will be MOST important in deciding your vote for president. Here are the choices...

- 30 Education  
 20 Health care, other than Medicare  
 19 The economy and jobs  
 18 Social Security  
 16 Taxes  
 13 Crime and violence  
 12 Gun control  
 10 Moral values  
 9 Medicare  
 9 Foreign policy  
 7 Drugs  
 1 Other issue (VOL.)  
 1 None/Issues will not be important (VOL.)  
 2 Don't know/Refused  
*Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses*

3. What MEDICARE issue or concern, in particular, do you think will be MOST important in deciding your vote? (**OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONLY ONE ANSWER, ASK:**) Is there any other Medicare issue or concern that will be almost as important?

*Based on those who say Medicare is a deciding issue; n=133*

- 15 Continued Medicare availability  
 10 Improvement of Medicare program  
 10 Prescription coverage  
 9 Lack of coverage for seniors  
 6 Cutting Medicare benefits  
 20 Other<sup>1</sup>  
 32 Don't know/Refused  
*Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses*

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<sup>1</sup> In question 3, all responses mentioned by fewer than five percent are included under "Other."



4. What HEALTH CARE issue or concern – other than Medicare – do you think will be MOST important in deciding your vote? (**OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONLY ONE ANSWER, ASK:**) Is there any other health care issue or concern that will be almost as important?

*Based on those who say health care other than Medicare is a deciding issue; n=298*

- 23 Cost of health care
  - 21 Uninsured/Lack of insurance
  - 11 HMO/Managed Care
  - 6 Medicare/Seniors
  - 4 Quality of health care
  - 18 Other<sup>2</sup>
  - 26 Don't know/Refused
- Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses*

- 5a. Now I have a question about next year's election for U.S. CONGRESS. If the election for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the...for Congress in your district?
- 5b. As of TODAY, do you LEAN more toward...?

2000 Congressional Preference

- 40 Total Republican
  - 34 Republican
  - 6 Lean Republican
- 45 Total Democrat
  - 39 Democrat
  - 6 Lean Democrat
- 16 Total undecided/Don't know

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<sup>2</sup> In question 4, all responses mentioned by fewer than four percent are included under "Other."

6. As you may know, the federal government has a budget SURPLUS this year. I'm going to read you a list of some things that might be done with the available money. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it should be a TOP priority, OR important but a LOWER priority, OR not too important, OR if you think this should not be done.

		<u>A top priority</u>	<u>Important but lower priority</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Should not be done</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a.	To cut taxes	43	32	15	8	2
b.	To pay off the national debt more quickly	34	36	21	7	2
c.	To increase spending to improve public schools	57	27	9	6	1
d.	To provide health insurance to people who are currently uninsured	46	34	12	6	2
e.	To make the Social Security program financially sound	64	25	6	3	1
f.	To make the Medicare program financially sound	55	32	9	3	2
g.	To increase spending on national defense	26	35	23	14	2
h.	To provide coverage for prescription medicines for the elderly	55	29	10	4	1

- 6/7. You said the following should be TOP priorities for using the federal budget surplus.... Which ONE of these do you think should be the MOST important priority?

Top Priority

- 22 To increase spending to improve public schools
- 18 To make the Social Security program financially sound
- 12 To cut taxes
- 11 To provide health insurance to people who are currently uninsured
- 10 To provide coverage for prescription medicines for the elderly
- 9 To pay off the national debt more quickly
- 6 To make the Medicare program financially sound
- 5 To increase spending on national defense
- 7 No top priorities named/Don't know

8. Now I'm going to read you a list of health care issues you might consider in deciding who to vote for in next year's presidential election. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it will be very important in deciding your vote for president, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important. How important will this issue be in deciding your vote...?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Protecting consumer rights in HMOs and managed care plans	44	33	14	6	3
b. Providing coverage for prescription medicines for the elderly	51	33	12	4	1
c. Making Medicare financially sound	52	35	9	3	1
d. Helping the uninsured get health insurance coverage	47	33	13	5	2

- 8/9. You said the following issues will be very important... Which ONE of these do you think will be MOST important in deciding your vote?

Most Important Issue

- 23 Helping the uninsured get health insurance coverage
- 20 Making Medicare financially sound
- 18 Providing coverage for prescription medicines for the elderly
- 16 Protecting consumer rights in HMOs and managed care plans
- 24 No issues very important/Don't know

10. Now, I have a few more questions about politics... I'm going to read you the names of 10 candidates who say they are running for president in the year 2000. Regardless of who you might vote for, please tell me which ONE of these candidates you think would do the best job handling health care issues. The candidates are...

- 27 George W. Bush
- 22 Al Gore
- 11 Bill Bradley
- 7 John McCain
- 3 Pat Buchanan
- 2 Donald Trump
- 2 Steve Forbes
- 2 Orrin Hatch
- 1 Alan Keyes
- 1 Gary Bauer
- 2 Other candidate (VOL.)
- 3 None would do a good job (VOL.)
- 17 Don't know/Refused

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way... (is/are) handling health care issues?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Republicans in Congress	25	50	24
b. Democrats in Congress	35	42	22
c. President Clinton	45	39	16

12. Now I'd like to know which party you think generally does a better job of dealing with each of the following issues. Which party do you think does a better job of dealing with...the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, both parties about the same, or do you think neither party does a good job?

	<u>Rep. Party</u>	<u>Dem. Party</u>	<u>Both about the same</u>	<u>Neither party</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Patient rights in HMOs and managed care plans	17	32	17	15	19
b. Social Security	24	34	17	12	13
c. Medicare	19	37	18	12	14
d. Taxes	34	28	13	12	12
e. Health insurance for the uninsured	14	40	14	16	16
f. Prescription medicine coverage for the elderly	16	33	18	16	18

13. Now I have a few questions about some recent news stories ... You might recall news reports about a change in health coverage policies by one of the nation's largest health insurers, the UnitedHealth Group. From what you've seen or heard, which ONE of the following changes in policy did the UnitedHealth Group recently announce? Did the company say it...or don't you know enough to say?

- 6 Will no longer offer coverage to seniors in the Medicare program
- 29 Will give physicians the final word on decisions about whether patient treatments are necessary (*correct answer*)
- 3 Will increase the amount they pay to doctors
- 57 Don't know enough to say
- 4 Refused

14. Now I'm going to read you a list of some stories covered by news organizations in the last month or so. As I read each one, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. How closely did you follow this story...?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>	
a. Controversies surrounding the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle	29	27	19	20	4	
b. The crash of EgyptAir flight 990 and the continuing investigation of its cause	39	34	16	8	3	
c. Debates involving the Republican and Democratic candidates for president in New Hampshire	16	18	21	39	5	
d. President Clinton's proposal for protecting the privacy of patient's medical information	21	22	23	29	5	
e. A report by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences about medical errors in hospitals	26	25	21	24	4	
f. Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore's proposal to provide health insurance to people currently uninsured						
	Current:	17	21	26	31	5
	10/99 <sup>3</sup> :	10	17	26	47	* <sup>4</sup>
g. Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley's proposal to provide health insurance to people currently uninsured						
	Current:	14	20	26	35	6
	10/99:	9	14	26	50	*

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<sup>3</sup> 10/99 trends in question 14 are from the October 1999 Health News Interest Index Omnibus conducted for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation by Princeton Survey Research Associates, n=1,020. These items were asked of Form A (n=505).

<sup>4</sup> An asterisk indicates values less than .5%.



*Question 14 continued...*

		<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
h.	The UnitedHealth Group's announcement of a new policy allowing doctors to have the final decision on whether patient treatments are necessary.	24	24	21	27	4
i.	A research study's findings about the amount of time children spend watching television and using other media	25	25	20	26	4
j.	A research study's findings about employers' costs of providing health insurance to their workers	15	21	24	34	5
15.	Recently the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences delivered a report about medical errors in hospitals. To the best of your knowledge, did this report say that these medical errors were...					
	42 A big problem that causes a lot of deaths ( <i>correct answer</i> )					
	12 A small problem that causes relatively few deaths					
	43 Don't know enough to say					
	2 Refused					
16.	And to the best of your knowledge, did this report call for each of the following actions, or not?					
a.	A new government agency to protect patients against medical errors in hospitals?			<u>Yes</u> 32	<u>No</u> 19	<u>DK/Ref.</u> 49
b.	More severe punishments of doctors and nurses who commit medical errors?			29	22	49
c.	Tougher malpractice laws against doctors and hospitals who commit medical errors?			32	20	47

**Correct answers: a=yes, b=no, c=no**

17. Democratic presidential candidates Al Gore and Bill Bradley have each proposed health care reform to expand health insurance coverage for Americans who currently go without. Whose proposal do you think...: Al Gore's or Bill Bradley's, or do you not know enough about their proposals to say?

		<u>Gore's proposal</u>	<u>Bradley's proposal</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Don't know enough to say</u>	<u>Ref.</u>
a.	Would cover more people					
	Current:	21	15	4	57	3
	10/99 <sup>5</sup> :	11	9	2	75	3
b.	Has a bigger price tag	22	15	3	58	2

**Correct answers: a=Bradley, b=Bradley**

18. Which ONE of the following three statements comes closest to your opinion about what the government should do for people who don't have health insurance? Do you think the government should...

- 11 Keep things the way they are now
- 43 Make a LIMITED effort to provide health insurance for some of the uninsured, which would not require a tax increase
- 39 Make a MAJOR effort to provide health insurance for nearly all uninsured Americans, which would require a tax increase
- 7 Don't know/Refused

19. Which of the following two options do you think would be the better way to guarantee health insurance coverage for Americans?

- 43 Building on the current system in which most working people get health coverage through an employer, and the government covers the cost of insurance for the poor and unemployed
- 38 Switching to a system in which all individuals would buy their own health insurance but would receive a tax credit or subsidy to help them with the cost of the plan
- 11 Neither (VOL.)
- 9 Don't know/Refused

<sup>5</sup> 10/99 trends in questions 17 and 21 are from the October 1999 Health News Interest Index conducted for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation by Princeton Survey Research Associates, n=1,033.

- 20a. Would you be willing to pay FIFTY DOLLARS more per month--either in higher health insurance premiums or higher taxes--in order to increase the number of Americans who have health insurance coverage, or not?
- 20b. Would you be willing to pay an extra THIRTY DOLLARS a month, or not?
- 20c. Would you be willing to pay an extra FIVE DOLLARS a month, or not?

74 Total willing to pay more  
 39 Willing to pay \$50  
 13 Willing to pay \$30  
 22 Willing to pay \$5  
 22 Not willing to pay more  
 4 Don't know

21. I'm going to read you some different ways to guarantee health insurance for more Americans. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor it or oppose it.

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. A national health plan, financed by taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan.			
Current:	39	51	10
10/99:	41	47	11
12/98 <sup>6</sup> :	42	53	5
b. Requiring businesses to offer private health insurance for their employees			
Current:	74	19	7
10/99:	73	20	6
12/98:	78	20	2
c. Offering uninsured Americans income tax deductions, tax credits, or other financial assistance to help them purchase private health insurance on their own			
Current:	69	23	9
10/99:	71	21	9
12/98:	72	25	3
d. Expanding Medicare to cover people under age 65 who do not have health insurance	57	34	9
e. Expanding state government programs for low-income people, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, to provide coverage for people without health insurance	70	23	7

<sup>6</sup> Trend from the December 1998 Post-Election Survey, conducted for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation by Princeton Survey Research Associates, n=1,501.



21/22. Which ONE of these ways to guarantee health insurance would you MOST prefer?

Most Preferred Option

- 25 Requiring businesses to offer health insurance for their employees
- 21 Expanding state government programs for low-income people to provide coverage for people without health insurance
- 19 Offering tax deductions or other financial assistance to help the uninsured pay for private insurance
- 16 A single government plan to provide health insurance for all Americans
- 8 Expanding Medicare to cover people under age 65 who do not have health insurance
- 11 Do not favor any/Don't know

23a. I'd like your opinion of a proposal to deal with the problem of uninsured children... Under this proposal, ALL parents would be required to buy health insurance for their children. Low- and moderate-income parents would receive some government assistance to help them pay for it. Keeping in mind that this would cost the government and taxpayers money, would you favor or oppose requiring all parents to buy health insurance for their children?

23b. Do you (favor/oppose) this requirement strongly, or only somewhat?

- 56 Total favor
  - 33 Strongly
  - 23 Not strongly
- 36 Total oppose
  - 18 Strongly
  - 18 Not strongly
- 8 Don't know/Refused

24. As you may know, a few years ago, Congress passed a law to help states cover more uninsured children. What is your opinion of a proposal to extend this health insurance coverage to the parents of the eligible child as well? Keeping in mind that this would cost the government and the taxpayers money, would you favor or oppose extending this government subsidized insurance coverage to parents?

- 50 Favor
- 37 Oppose
- 13 Don't know/Refused

25. A law has been debated in Congress that would require HMOs, other managed care plans, and health insurance companies to provide people with more information about their health plan, make it easier for people to see medical specialists, allow appeals to independent reviewers when someone is denied coverage for a particular medical treatment, and give people the right to sue their health plan. Do you favor or oppose such a law?

<u>Current</u>	<u>4/99</u> <sup>7</sup>	<u>8/98</u> <sup>8</sup>	<u>5/98</u> <sup>9</sup>
71 Favor	74	78	78
18 Oppose	18	12	13
11 Don't know/Refused	9	10	9

26. If this law – sometimes called the Patient Bill of Rights – were enacted, do you think people like you would be better off, worse off, or not much affected either way?

44 Better off  
 7 Worse off  
 37 Not much affected  
 11 Don't know/Refused

- 27a. If this Patient Bill of Rights were enacted, what effect—if any—do you think it would have on health insurance premiums for people like you? Do you think it would lead to health insurance premiums...

- 27b. Do you think premiums would go (up/down) a lot or only a little?

65 Total go up  
 36 Go up a lot  
 26 Go up only a little/some  
 2 Don't know how much  
 5 Total go down  
 2 Go down a lot  
 3 Go down only a little/some  
 \* Don't know how much  
 21 Not much affected either way  
 10 Don't know/Refused

<sup>7</sup> Trend from the April 1999 Health News Interest Index conducted for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation by Princeton Survey Research Associates, n=1,200.

<sup>8</sup> Trend from the August 1998 Health News Interest Index conducted for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation by Princeton Survey Research Associates, n=1,200.

<sup>9</sup> Trend from the May 1998 Health News Interest Index conducted for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation by Princeton Survey Research Associates, n=1,201.

28. Would you still favor this Patient Bill of Rights if you heard it would increase the cost of health insurance premiums usually shared by employers and workers by about 20 dollars per month for a typical family – that is, a little over 200 dollars per year?
- 52 Would still favor
  - 31 Total would oppose
  - 18 Oppose initially
  - 13 Switched to oppose
  - 16 Don't know/Refused
29. Next, I have a few questions about Medicare, the federal program that provides health insurance primarily to people aged 65 and older. From what you know, what is the financial status today of Medicare? Would you say...
- 14 It is in good shape financially and no real changes are needed
  - 31 It faces some financial problems and minor changes are needed
  - 26 It faces serious financial problems that require major changes to the existing program
  - 17 It faces so many financial problems that the whole program needs to be completely rebuilt
  - 12 Don't know/Refused
30. Medicare does not currently pay for prescription medicines. Which ONE of the following three statements comes closest to your opinion about what the government should do about Medicare coverage for prescription medicines? Do you think the government should...
- 20 Keep things the way they are now and not add a prescription drug benefit
  - 41 Expand Medicare to cover prescription medicines for only LOW-INCOME seniors - even if it means an increase in premiums or taxes to cover the costs
  - 28 Guarantee prescription medicine coverage to EVERYONE on Medicare – even if it means a larger increase in premiums or taxes to cover the costs
  - 11 Don't know/Refused
31. I'm going to read you two different ways Medicare might be expanded to provide prescription medicine coverage for seniors. Keeping in mind that either one would cost the taxpayers money, please tell me which, if any, you would personally prefer. Would you rather see coverage that would ...
- 42 Expand Medicare to provide prescription medicine coverage to seniors, with government subsidies to help cover their costs
  - 27 Offer prescription medicine coverage under private health insurance plans to seniors, with government subsidies to help cover their costs
  - 19 Do you feel neither should be done at this time
  - 12 Don't know/Refused

32. In the last session of Congress, a Patient Bill of Rights was debated but was not enacted. Which ONE of the following in government do you think is MOST responsible for this legislation not being enacted?

- 13 President Clinton
- 8 Democrats in Congress
- 26 Republicans in Congress
- 25 All equally responsible (VOL.)
- 3 None are responsible (VOL.)
- 25 Don't know/Refused

33. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan? This would include any private insurance plan through your employer or that you purchase yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid?

- 86 Yes
- 12 No
- 2 Don't know/Refused

34. What is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Do you have...

35a. Is that MediCARE, the program that provides health insurance for seniors and some disabled people, OR MediCAID, the government program that provides health insurance for low-income people, OR some OTHER government program that provides health insurance?

***Based on those who are currently insured; n=1303***

- 66 Employer-provided
- 13 Self-purchased
- 18 Government program
  - 13 Medicare
  - 3 Medicaid
  - 2 Other government program/Don't know
- 1 Other main source (VOL.)
- 1 Don't know/Refused

35b. Do you also have a private health insurance plan that provides additional coverage beyond Medicare?

***Based on those whose main health insurance is Medicare; n=165***

- 66 Yes
- 34 No
- \* Don't know/Refused



36c. How much of a problem is it for you to pay for this additional health insurance plan? Is it...

***Based on those who have additional coverage beyond Medicare; n=111***

- 23 A serious problem
- 28 A problem, but not too serious
- 41 Not much of a problem
- 6 I don't pay for it (VOL.)
- 3 Don't know/Refused

37. Thinking about the next six months, how worried are you that each of the following might happen to you. How worried are you that...? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

		<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>	<u>Currently uninsured</u>
a.	You might not be able to get the health care services you think you need	24	19	18	37	3	NA
b.	The amount you pay for your health care services or health insurance will increase	28	24	18	26	4	NA
c.	You might not be able to get the health care you think you need because you can't afford it	25	16	18	38	3	NA
d.	The quality of health care services you receive will get worse	24	21	18	34	3	NA
e.	You will have to stay in your current job instead of taking a new job for fear of losing health benefits	17	8	12	44	4	14
f.	You might lose your health insurance coverage	18	9	16	42	1	14
g.	Your HEALTH PLAN would be more concerned about saving money for the plan than about what is the best treatment for you	24	21	15	23	3	14

38. How much of a problem is it for you to pay for prescription medicines that you need? Is it....

<u>Current</u>	<u>5/93</u> <sup>10</sup>
19 A serious problem	17
18 A problem, but not serious	23
60 Not much of a problem	60
3 Don't know/Refused	1

39. On another subject... I have a question about famous athletes—including college, professional, or Olympic athletes. We'd like to know if you think famous athletes are more likely, less likely, or about as likely as other people their own age to do certain things. What about... Do you think famous athletes are more likely, less likely, or about as likely to do this?

		More <u>likely</u>	Less <u>likely</u>	About as <u>likely</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
a.	Use hard drugs like cocaine or heroin?	49	13	31	7
b.	Drink too much alcohol?	47	13	32	7
c.	Have sex with many different partners?	63	7	21	9
d.	Break the law?	43	15	35	7
e.	Contribute time and money to charities and other good causes?	64	11	18	7

<sup>10</sup> Trend from the May 1993 American Attitudes Toward Health Care Reform Survey, conducted for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health by Marttila and Kiley, n=2000. This question was asked of B half sample.

**DEMOGRAPHICS:**

D1. Sex

- 48 Male
- 52 Female

D2. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

- 30 Republican
- 30 Democrat
- 34 Independent
- 3 No preference/Not interested in politics (VOL.)
- 1 Other party (VOL.)
- 1 Don't know
- 2 Refused

D3. Which Democratic presidential candidate do you think would do a better job handling health care issues...?

***Based on those who consider themselves Democrats; n=433***

- 48 Al Gore
- 24 Bill Bradley
- 8 Both the same (VOL.)
- 4 Neither would do a good job (VOL.)
- 16 Don't know/Refused

D4. In general, would you describe your political views as...

- 11 Very conservative
- 27 Conservative
- 40 Moderate
- 12 Liberal
- 5 Very liberal
- 4 Don't know/Refused

D5. Many people are not registered to vote because they're too busy or move around too often... Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

- 81 Yes, registered
- 16 No, not registered
- 1 Don't have to register (VOL.)
- 2 Don't know/Refused



- D6a. Thinking back to the last election for U.S. Congress in November 1998, did things come up to keep you from voting, or did you happen to vote?
- 66 Yes, voted
  - 30 No, did not vote
    - 1 Too young to vote in 11/98 (VOL.)
    - 2 Don't remember if voted
    - 1 Refused
- D6b. Did you happen to vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?
- 29 Republican
  - 28 Democrat
  - 3 Other party/Independent candidate (VOL.)
  - 4 Don't remember which candidate
  - 2 Refused
  - 34 Did not vote
- D7a. How likely is it that you will vote in your state's primary election for president next year -- or attend a caucus in your state to support a particular presidential candidate? Would you say it is...
- D7b. Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN you will vote in a presidential primary or attend a caucus, or is there a chance that something might come up to keep you from participating?
- 72 Very likely
  - 66 Absolutely certain
  - 6 Not absolutely certain
  - 12 Somewhat likely
  - 7 Not too likely
  - 6 Not at all likely
  - 3 Don't know/Refused
- D8. Are you the parent of any children BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10 TO 17?
- 26 Yes
  - 73 No
  - 1 Don't know/Refused
- D9. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?
- 16 Less than high school graduate
  - 36 High school graduate
  - 23 Some college
  - 23 College graduate or higher
  - 1 Don't Know/Refused



D10. What is your age?

- 22 18-29
- 40 30-49
- 20 50-64
- 16 65+
- 2 Don't know/Refused

D11. What is your religious preference -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, an Orthodox Church such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, some other religion, or no religion?

D12. Do you think of yourself as a Christian, or not?

D13. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

- 60 Total Protestant/Christian
  - 32 Evangelical
  - 28 Non-evangelical
- 22 Catholic
- 1 Jewish
- 2 Mormon
- \* Orthodox Church
- 3 Other religion
- 8 No religion
- 3 Don't know/Refused

D14. Last year -- that is, in 1998 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

- 18 Under \$20,000
- 13 \$20,000 to under \$30,000
- 22 \$30,000 to under \$50,000
- 14 \$50,000 to under \$75,000
- 13 \$75,000+
- 20 Don't know/Refused

D15. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Latin American background?

D16. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race? Do you consider yourself a WHITE Hispanic/Latino or a BLACK Hispanic/Latino?

- 76 White, non-Hispanic
- 22 Total minority
  - 10 Black/African-American
  - 10 Hispanic
  - 1 Asian
  - 1 Other/Mixed race
- 2 Don't know/Refused