

Questionnaire and Detailed Results

Now we have some questions about health care...

Q1-2. Thinking about health care issues that affect women, how important do you think it is for elected officials to (OPTIONS a-k—ORDER ROTATED). Very important, somewhat important, not too important, or is this not an issue for elected officials to deal with? How important is it for elected officials to... You mentioned that (READ ALL VERY IMPORTANT) are very important for elected officials to address. Which would you say is the most important to you?

	Percent responding "very important"			Percent Responding "Most Important"		
	Overall	Male	Female	Overall	Male	Female
a. Fund family planning such as birth control counseling and services for low-income women.	62%	56%	67%	4%	5%	4%
b. Require insurance plans to pay for birth control.	42%	34%	50%	2%	1%	4%
c. Support the right to choose abortion.	44%	43%	45%	4%	4%	4%
d. Fund programs to help prevent HIV/AIDS.	74%	70%	78%	9%	11%	7%
e. Help uninsured people get health insurance coverage.	74%	70%	78%	15%	17%	13%
f. Require managed care plans such as HMOs to allow women to visit their ob/gyns without having to get a referral.	72%	63%	81%	6%	6%	6%
h. Devote funding for medical research on women's health issues such as breast cancer, infertility and STDs.	75%	71%	79%	10%	6%	14%
i. Require managed care plans to allow patients the right to sue.	45%	44%	45%	1%	2%	<1%
j. Require managed care plans to allow patients to get a second opinion.	74%	70%	78%	3%	3%	3%
k. Preserve Medicare for the future.	86%	84%	88%	18%	7%	11%
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	17%	14%	20%
More than 1 more important	n/a	n/a	n/a	8%	8%	8%
Don't know	n/a	n/a	n/a	4%	2%	3%

Q3. (Asked only of those respondents who specify a most important issue for elected officials to address n=889) Do you feel you have heard enough from (OPTIONS a-b) to know how they stand on (ITEM THEY SAID WAS MOST IMPORTANT).

	Percent responding "No"		
	Overall	Men	Women
a. Your Senators and Representatives in Congress	68%	74%	63%
b. This year's presidential candidates	66%	70%	62%

Q4. (Asked only of those respondents who specify a most important issue for elected officials to address n=889) If a candidate running in this year's campaign for (OPTIONS a-b) took a stand on the issue (ITEM THEY SAID WAS MOST IMPORTANT) that was different from your own, would you vote against that candidate on the basis of that issue alone, or would you consider other things before deciding whom to vote for?

	Percent responding "Vote Against"		
	Overall	Men	Women
a. President	11%	9%	14%
b. Senate or Representative in Congress	11%	7%	14%

Q5. When politicians talk about women's health issues, do you think they are saying what they need to be saying to get elected or truly committed to taking action on them?

	Percent responding "Yes"		
	Overall	Men	Women
Saying what they need to say to get elected	81%	81%	81%
Truly committed to taking action on them	11%	10%	11%

Q6. Do you think that in this year's presidential election too much, the right amount, or not enough attention is being paid to women's health issues?

	Overall	Men	Women
Too much	5%	7%	3%
Not enough	61%	57%	65%
Right amount	17%	19%	15%
Shouldn't be involved	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	17%	17%	16%

Q7. Given what you know no about the two leading presidential candidates, who do you think would do a better job on women's health issues, Democratic candidate Al Gore, or Republican candidate George W. Bush?

	Overall	Men	Women
Al Gore	42%	44%	40%
George W. Bush	31%	34%	28%
Both	1%	1%	1%
Neither	9%	7%	10%
Don't know	18%	15%	21%

Q8. Given what you know now about the two leading presidential candidates, who would you trust more on health issues that most affect you? Democratic candidate Al Gore, or Republican candidate George W. Bush?

	Overall	Men	Women
Al Gore	41%	40%	42%
George W. Bush	34%	40%	30%
Both	1%	<1%	1%
Neither	11%	9%	12%
Don't know	13%	11%	15%

Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation and *Self: National Survey on Women's Health Priorities* is a nationally representative survey of 1,011 adults (507 women and 504 men) age 18 and older. The questionnaire was designed by staff at the Kaiser Family Foundation and *Self* magazine. Field work was conducted by International Communications Research (ICR) by telephone between June 7-14, 2000. When asked to self identify their political party affiliation: 22% of women identified themselves as Republicans, 40% Democrats, and 31% Independents. Of the men surveyed, 25% identified themselves as Republicans, 28% Democrats, and 38% Independents. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percent for the total sample. The margin of sampling error may be higher for some of the sub-sets in this analysis.