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# **Post-Election Survey: The Public and the Health Care Agenda for the New Administration and Congress**

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## Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health *Post-Election Survey: The Public and the Health Care Agenda for the New Administration and Congress* was designed and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard School of Public Health. The survey is a product of the Kaiser/Harvard School of Public Health Program on The Public and Health Policy.

Fieldwork was conducted by telephone by Princeton Survey Research Associates between November 13 and December 13, 2000. A randomly selected nationally representative sample of 1,415 adults 18 years or older including, 1,052 adults who said they voted in the November election were included. The margin of sampling error for the overall study is +/- 3 percentage points, +/-3 percentage points for the voter sample and +/-6 percentage points for the non-voter sample (n = 354). For results based on subsets of respondents the margin of sampling error is higher. Note that in addition to sampling error there are other possible sources of measurement error.

Notes: Select questions were asked of a random half of the entire sample. These questions are identified by "Form 1" and "Form 2" indicating which half answered that particular question. All questions appear in the order they were asked of respondents. Some percentages will not add to 100% because of rounding. VOL means response was volunteered by respondent, rather than a response to an explicitly offered choice.

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**INTRODUCTION:** Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling for Princeton Survey Research of Princeton, New Jersey. We're conducting an important national OPINION survey about some things in the news. May I please speak with the YOUNGEST MALE age 18 or older, who is now at home? (IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW: Then, may I speak with the OLDEST FEMALE age 18 or older who is now at home)

S1. My first question is about the presidential election that took place (this past Tuesday/on Tuesday, November 7th). Did you happen to vote in the presidential election, including voting by mail, early voting, or absentee ballot before the election, or did things come up that kept you from voting?

- 71 Voted – including mail/early voting/absentee ballot
- 28 Did not vote
- \* Don't know/Can't remember
- \* Refused

S3. For PRESIDENT, did you happen to vote for...(ROTATE 1-2)

*Based on voters; n=1,052*

- 42 Al Gore, the Democrat,
- 42 George W. Bush, the Republican,
- 2 Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate
- 1 Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate
- 1 Someone else
- 12 Refused

S4. In the November election, people also voted to elect their representatives in the U.S. CONGRESS. In the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in your district, did you happen to vote for...(ROTATE 1-2)

*Based on voters; n=1,052*

- 40 The Democratic candidate
- 40 The Republican candidate
- 2 Some other candidate
- 6 Did you choose NOT to vote for Congress
- 12 Don't know/Refused

1. I'm going to read you a list of four things that might have influenced your vote in the PRESIDENTIAL election. Please tell me which ONE of the following was MOST important when you decided who to vote for. Was it...

***Based on voters; n=1,052***

- 37 The candidates' stands on the issues
- 14 The candidates' leadership abilities
- 27 The candidates' character and moral values
- 12 The candidates' experience
- 6 None/other (VOL)
- 4 Don't know/Refused

4. Now I'm going to read you a list of issues that were discussed in this year's presidential campaigns. After I read them all, tell me which one or two were the MOST important in deciding your vote for president. (RECORD UP TO TWO RESPONSES)

***Based on voters; n=1,052***

- 33 Education
- 28 Social Security
- 26 Moral values
- 21 Taxes
- 19 The economy
- 16 Health care other than Medicare
- 12 Medicare
- 6 Crime
- 3 Other (VOL)
- 2 None of these (VOL)
- 1 Don't know/Refused

***Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses.***

5. I'd like you to rate your satisfaction with the state of the nation today in some different areas. Please tell me whether you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with each of the following. (First,) how about...(RANDOMIZE)? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the state of the nation in this area?

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Not too satisfied</u>	<u>Not at all satisfied</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The state of the nation's economy					
Total	32	47	11	6	3
Voters	35	48	11	4	2
Non-Voters	25	47	11	9	7
b. The availability and affordability of health care					
Total	10	33	26	27	4
Voters	10	34	28	25	2
Non-Voters	12	31	20	31	6
c. The moral values in this country					
Total	6	27	29	34	3
Voters	5	27	29	35	3
Non-Voters	7	24	28	35	5
d. The state of the nation's schools					
Total	6	40	27	20	7
Voters	5	40	31	20	5
Non-Voters	10	39	19	20	12

- 6a. 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. After I read the following list, please tell me which ONE of these you think should be the government's TOP priority for using the money from the surplus. (RECORD FIRST CHOICE)

- 6b. Is there something else I mentioned that you think should be almost as important a priority?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
36	35	39	Increasing federal spending for public education
32	31	32	Making Social Security more financially sound
25	21	32	Providing health insurance to the uninsured
24	23	26	Providing prescription drug coverage for the elderly
22	23	20	Cutting taxes
20	25	9	Paying off the national debt more quickly
14	12	16	Making Medicare more financially sound
8	11	4	Increasing defense spending
2	3	2	Other (VOL)
1	1	1	None of these (VOL)
1	1	3	Don't know/Refused

*Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses.*

- 7a. Now thinking specifically about health care...I'm going to read you a list of health care issues you might have considered in deciding who to vote for in this year's presidential election. As I read each one, please tell me if this issue was very important in deciding your vote for president, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important.

***Based on voters; n=1,052***

	<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 patients' rights in HMOs and managed care plans	49	31	9	7	4
b. Making prescription drugs more affordable for people age 65 and over	58	28	7	6	1
c. Making Medicare more financially sound for future generations	51	34	8	5	2
d. Increasing the number of Americans covered by health insurance	47	36	8	6	2
e. Helping families with the cost of caring for elderly or disabled family members who need long-term help	46	39	9	5	1
f. The issue of abortion	40	25	14	19	3

- 7b. You said the following issues were very important...Which ONE of these was the MOST important health care issue in deciding your vote?

***Based on voters; n=1,052***

Most Important Health Care Issue in Deciding Vote

- 21 The issue of abortion
- 17 Making prescription drugs more affordable for people age 65 and over
- 14 Increasing the number of Americans covered by health insurance
- 13 Making Medicare more financially sound for future generations
- 10 Helping families with the cost of caring for elderly or disabled family members who need long-term help
- 9 Protecting patients' rights in HMOs and managed care plans
- \* Other (VOL)
- 13 None of these (VOL)
- 1 Don't know/Refused

8. In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services, or a bigger government providing more services?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
42	48	31	Smaller government
47	42	58	Bigger government
9	9	11	Don't know
1	1	1	Refused

9. Now I'd like to ask what you think the next president and Congress should do about health care. Suppose the next president and Congress can only deal with one HEALTH issue over the next year. Please tell me which ONE, if any, of the following five things you would MOST like to see them pass legislation to do.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
32	30	35	Provide insurance for people without health insurance
17	18	13	Provide prescription drug coverage to seniors
16	16	17	Protect patients' rights in HMOs and other managed care plans
16	14	20	Help families with the cost of caring for elderly or disabled family members who need long-term help
15	17	11	Make Medicare more financially sound in the future
1	1	1	Other (VOL)
2	2	2	None of these (VOL)
1	1	1	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused

10. Which of the following two descriptions comes closer to your own view of what Medicare should look like in the future?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
30	31	26	Keep Medicare as it is today, with most seniors getting the same benefits and paying the same premiums
62	61	65	Change Medicare to give retirees a choice of either staying in the traditional Medicare program or choosing from a list of private plans and HMOs having different benefits and premiums, with the government paying a fixed amount toward the cost of the plan
2	2	2	Neither (VOL)
6	6	6	Don't know
*	0	1	Refused

11. Would you still favor giving retirees this choice if the traditional Medicare coverage would cost MORE for those who choose it than it does today?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>Would still favor giving retirees a choice</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>Total would oppose giving retirees a choice</b>
32	33	29	<i>Opposed initially</i>
17	16	18	<i>Switched to opposed</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
*	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Refused</b>

12. I'm going to read you some proposals to keep the Medicare program financially sound in the future. Please tell me whether you would generally favor or oppose each one. First, in order to keep Medicare financially sound, would you favor or oppose... (INSERT ITEM)?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Requiring seniors to pay a larger share of Medicare costs out of their own pockets			
Total	9	88	3
Voters	10	86	4
Non-Voters	6	91	3
b. Increasing the payroll taxes workers now pay to fund the Medicare program			
Total	29	66	5
Voters	29	66	5
Non-Voters	29	66	5
c. Gradually raising the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67 for future retirees			
Total	30	68	2
Voters	33	65	2
Non-Voters	21	76	4
d. Using part of the federal budget surplus to fund Medicare			
Total	75	20	5
Voters	72	23	4
Non-Voters	79	15	6
e. Reducing the amount Medicare pays to doctors, hospitals, and HMOs for treating people covered by Medicare			
Total	36	57	7
Voters	33	59	8
Non-Voters	42	52	6



f. Charging seniors who want to stay in the traditional Medicare program higher co-payments and deductibles			
Total	19	76	5
Voters	19	76	5
Non-Voters	17	77	5
g. Encouraging people on Medicare to choose from a list of private plans and HMOs having different benefits and premiums, with the government paying a fixed amount toward the cost of the plan			
Total	65	28	7
Voters	64	29	8
Non-Voters	69	25	6
h. Creating a sliding scale for Medicare, so that the more income seniors have, the more they pay in Medicare premiums			
Total	57	39	4
Voters	58	39	3
Non-Voters	53	42	6

13a. As you may know, Medicare does not currently pay for prescription drugs. Which ONE of the following three statements comes closest to your own opinion about what the federal government should do to help people age 65 and over pay for prescription drugs? Do you think the federal government should...(ROTATE CHOICE 2 AND 3)?

13b. Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Keep things as they are now</b>
4	4	3	<i>Feel strongly</i>
2	2	2	<i>Don't feel strongly/DK</i>
<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>Expand Medicare to pay directly for part of prescription drug costs</b>
43	42	44	<i>Feel strongly</i>
13	14	12	<i>Don't feel strongly/DK</i>
<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Help them buy PRIVATE health insurance plans that would pay part of their prescription drug costs</b>
21	20	22	<i>Feel strongly</i>
12	12	12	<i>Don't feel strongly/DK</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>None of these (VOL)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
*	*	<b>1</b>	<b>Refused</b>

15. When you retire, would you prefer to get your health insurance coverage from the current government Medicare program, or from a private health insurance company or HMO?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
25	24	26	The current government Medicare program
54	55	51	A private health insurance company
11	12	9	Already retired (VOL)
10	8	13	Don't know
*	*	1	Refused

16. Turning now to a different topic, do you think there is generally TOO MUCH government regulation of business and industry, NOT ENOUGH regulation, or ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
40	43	37	Too much
16	16	15	Not enough
35	34	37	About the right amount
8	7	10	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused

17. As I read each of the following, please tell me whether you think there is TOO MUCH government regulation in this area, NOT ENOUGH regulation, or ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT. (First,) how about... (INSERT – RANDOMIZE a-d; ALWAYS ASK e LAST) Do you think there is too much, not enough, or about the right amount of government regulation in this area?)

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Not enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The safety of prescription drugs				
Total	11	34	49	7
Voters	11	31	52	6
Non-Voters	9	39	42	10
b. HMOs and managed care				
Total	19	43	24	14
Voters	20	43	24	13
Non-Voters	18	41	24	17
c. The cost of health insurance policies				
Total	27	36	26	11
Voters	25	37	27	11
Non-Voters	33	33	24	10
d. The quality of care in nursing homes				
Total	5	61	19	14
Voters	6	62	19	13
Non-Voters	4	60	18	18

e. The cost of prescription drugs				
Total	30	45	18	7
Voters	29	46	18	7
Non-Voters	35	40	20	5

18. What if you heard that limiting the prices of prescription drugs might lead to LESS research and development of new drugs, since drug companies would be making smaller profits. Would you still want more government regulation of prescription drug costs?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Still want more regulation</b>
<b>65</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>Would not want more regulation</b>
49	47	54	<i>Already thought there was too much/enough regulation</i>
16	16	16	<i>Switched to not wanting more regulation</i>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
*	*	<b>1</b>	<b>Refused</b>

20a. Which ONE of the following three statements comes closest to your own opinion about what the government should do for people who don't have health insurance? Do you think the government should...(READ 1-3 IN ORDER)?

20b. Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

***Based on Form 1 respondents***

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Keep things the way they are now</b>
6	6	7	<i>Feel strongly</i>
1	1	1	<i>Don't feel strongly/DK</i>
<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>Make a LIMITED effort to provide health insurance for SOME of the uninsured, which would NOT require a tax increase</b>
42	42	40	<i>Feel strongly</i>
8	9	6	<i>Don't feel strongly/DK</i>
<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>Make a MAJOR effort to provide health insurance for nearly ALL uninsured Americans, which WOULD require a tax increase</b>
31	28	38	<i>Feel strongly</i>
6	7	6	<i>Don't feel strongly/DK</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Other/None of these (VOL)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
*	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Refused</b>

21a. 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...(READ 1-3 IN ORDER)?

21b. Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

**Based on Form 2 respondents**

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Keep things the way they are now</b>
11	14	5	Feel strongly
3	3	3	Don't feel strongly/DK
<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Make a LIMITED effort to provide health insurance for SOME of the uninsured, which would use PART of the federal budget surplus</b>
30	30	28	Feel strongly
10	11	9	Don't feel strongly/DK
<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Make a MAJOR effort to provide health insurance for nearly ALL uninsured Americans, which would use a SUBSTANTIAL part of the federal budget surplus</b>
36	34	41	Feel strongly
3	2	3	Don't feel strongly/DK
<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Other/None of these (VOL)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Refused</b>

22a. If the next president and Congress could not guarantee health insurance for everyone, which ONE of the following two groups do you think we should try to provide with health insurance coverage next? (ROTATE 1-2)

22b. Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>The parents of poor children who can now get government health insurance</b>
30	29	32	Feel strongly
8	8	8	Don't feel strongly/DK
<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>People between the ages of 55 and 64 who have no health insurance but who are not yet eligible for Medicare</b>
39	38	41	Feel strongly
12	13	9	Don't feel strongly/DK
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Neither (VOL)</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Refused</b>

23. Now I'm going to read you some different ways to improve access to health care for all uninsured Americans. As I read each one, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose it. (Read and Rotate) (First,) How about...? Would you favor or oppose this approach?

	<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			
Total	36	57	7
Voters	32	61	7
Non-Voters	43	49	7
b. Requiring businesses to offer and help pay the cost of private health insurance for their employees			
Total	80	16	4
Voters	78	18	4
Non-Voters	84	12	4
c. Expanding Medicare to cover people between the ages 55 and 64 who have no health insurance			
Total	76	20	4
Voters	72	23	5
Non-Voters	83	14	3
d. Increasing government funding to expand community health clinics that serve the poor			
Total	82	15	3
Voters	80	16	4
Non-Voters	86	12	2
e. Using government funding to provide coverage for uninsured Americans who have serious diseases like heart disease and cancer			
Total	83	13	4
Voters	81	15	4
Non-Voters	89	8	3
f. Offering uninsured Americans income tax deductions, tax credits, or other financial assistance to help them purchase private health insurance on their own			
Total	76	20	5
Voters	75	20	5
Non-Voters	77	19	4

- g. Expanding state government programs, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, to provide coverage for low-income people without health insurance

Total	81	15	4
Voters	79	17	4
Non-Voters	86	11	3

24. If you had to choose between the following two ways to provide health insurance coverage to more uninsured people, which ONE would you prefer...(ROTATE 1-2)?

Net Preferring Tax Deduction/Credits or Expansion of State Programs

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
43	45	40	Offering uninsured Americans income tax deductions, tax credits, or other financial assistance to help them purchase private health insurance on their own
47	45	51	Expanding state government programs, such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, to provide coverage for low-income people without health insurance
7	8	6	Don't prefer either
3	3	2	Refused/Don't know

25. 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?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
46	46	43	Yes
49	50	48	No
5	4	9	Don't know
*	*	1	Refused

26. In general, do you think it is the responsibility of the government to provide health insurance coverage to low-income Americans, or do you think this is not the responsibility of the government?

26a. Which do you think should be MAINLY responsible for providing health insurance coverage to low-income Americans... the FEDERAL government or STATE governments?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>Yes, government's responsibility</b>
24	22	26	<i>Federal government</i>
20	19	23	<i>State governments</i>
7	6	8	<i>Both (VOL)</i>
2	1	4	<i>Don't know who's mainly responsible</i>
<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>No, not government's responsibility</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Refused</b>

27a. As you may know, 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. In general, do you favor or oppose such a law?

27b. Do you (favor/oppose) this strongly, or only somewhat?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Favor</b>
44	46	39	<i>Strongly</i>
31	30	35	<i>Not strongly</i>
<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
6	7	5	<i>Strongly</i>
12	11	14	<i>Not strongly</i>
<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Refused</b>

28. Would you still favor this law if you heard that it would raise the cost of health plans and lead some companies to stop offering health care plans to their workers?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Would still favor patient rights bill</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>Total would oppose patient rights bill</b>
18	18	19	<i>Opposed initially</i>
42	39	50	<i>Switched to opposed</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Refused</b>

30. Turning to a different topic, which ONE of the following four statements comes CLOSEST to your own views on abortion? (READ 1-4 IN ORDER)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
36	37	31	Abortion should be generally available to those who want to choose it
16	16	14	Abortion should be available, but under stricter limits than it is now
34	33	36	Abortion should be against the law, except in cases of rape, incest, and to save a woman's life
12	11	14	Abortion should not be permitted at all
*	1	*	Other/None of these (VOL)
3	3	4	Don't know/Refused

31. A law has been proposed that would make it illegal to perform a specific type of abortion procedure known as "late term" or "partial birth" abortion, except in cases necessary to save the life of the mother. Would you favor or oppose a law that made this type of abortion procedure illegal?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
61	62	59	Favor
33	32	33	Oppose
5	5	6	Don't know
2	2	2	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 – or don't you have any health insurance at this time?

34. Thinking about your main source of health coverage...Are you insured through your employer, through someone else's employer, or not through an employer?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>Total insured</b>
45	48	38	<i>Through own employer</i>
17	20	11	<i>Through someone else's employer</i>
23	23	23	<i>Not through an employer</i>
*	*	*	<i>Don't know/Refused</i>
<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Not insured</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Don't know/Refused</b>



35. What is your current employment status? Are you self-employed, employed by someone else, a homemaker, a student, retired, unemployed and looking for work, or unemployed and not looking for work?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
10	10	10	Self-employed
52	51	56	Employed by someone else (includes full or part-time)
7	7	7	Homemaker
5	4	6	Student
19	23	11	Retired
4	3	6	Unemployed and looking for work
2	2	2	Unemployed and not looking for work
1	1	1	Refused

36. Do you work full-time or part-time?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>Total employed</b>
52	51	56	Full-time
10	9	10	Part-time
*	*	0	Refused
<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Not employed</b>

37a. If your health insurance costs would not be affected, would you prefer to...?

37b. Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

*Based on those who are employed by someone else and are insured through their employer*

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
(n=531)	(n=393)	(n=133)	
<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>Have your employer contribute directly to the cost of your health insurance policy at work</b>
58	59	52	Feel strongly
13	13	13	Don't feel strongly/DK
<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Buy a health insurance policy yourself, with your employer giving you the cash amount they would have contributed to buying your policy through the company</b>
17	16	23	Feel strongly
7	8	4	Don't feel strongly/DK
<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Refused</b>

38. Do you think most people would be better off if they got their health insurance policy from the place where they work, or if they purchased their own health insurance policy?

*Based on those who are employed by someone else and are insured through their employer*

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
71	73	65	Place where they work
17	16	19	Purchased their own
4	3	4	No difference (VOL)
9	8	11	Don't know
*	0	*	Refused

39. What if your employer gave you the cash amount they would have contributed to your policy, and you had to buy health insurance on your own...Do you think purchasing your own coverage would make it EASIER or HARDER for you to...(INSERT), or wouldn't it make much difference?

*Based on those who are employed by someone else and are insured through their employer*

	<u>Easier</u>	<u>Harder</u>	<u>No difference</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Get a good price for health insurance				
Total	12	73	12	3
Voters	12	74	11	3
Non-Voters	12	69	15	4
b. Pick a good-quality health insurance plan				
Total	18	58	21	3
Voters	19	57	21	2
Non-Voters	18	58	20	4
c. Find or keep health insurance if you are sick				
Total	7	73	17	3
Voters	6	75	16	3
Non-Voters	10	67	21	2
d. Handle administrative issues, such as filing a claim or signing up for a policy				
Total	8	67	23	2
Voters	9	65	24	2
Non-Voters	6	69	22	3

40. At ANY time in the past 12 months, have you or a family member been without health insurance?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
21	16	33	Yes
79	84	67	No
*	*	*	Don't know/Refused

41. Medicare is the program that provides health insurance for people over age 65 and some disabled people. Is anyone in your household now receiving Medicare benefits? (IF YES, ASK: Is that you or someone else?)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Total yes</b>
12	13	8	Yes, respondent only
8	8	8	Yes, someone else only
6	7	4	Yes, both (VOL.)
<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Don't know/Refused</b>

42. In the past 12 months, have you or a family member had a SERIOUS problem with any of the following? (First,) how about...(INSERT)? Have you or a family member had a serious problem with this in the past 12 months, or not?)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Having enough money to pay doctor and hospital bills			
Total	22	77	*
Voters	19	81	1
Non-Voters	30	70	0
b. Paying for prescription medicines that were needed			
Total	17	83	1
Voters	17	83	1
Non-Voters	16	83	1
c. Getting health care that was needed			
Total	12	88	*
Voters	9	90	1
Non-Voters	18	82	0
<i>Net "yes" to any item</i>			
Total	31		
Voters	27		
Non-Voters	41		

## DEMOGRAPHICS

I have just a few more questions so we can describe the people who took part in our survey...

Record respondent's sex:

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
48	47	51	Male
52	53	49	Female

D1. First, what is your age?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
21	16	34	18-29
41	40	43	30-49
20	23	13	50-64
16	19	9	65 or older
2	2	*	Refused

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

D3. (IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT) Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or not a very strong (Republican/ Democrat)?

D4. (IF INDEPENDENT) Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
28	35	17	Republican
37	37	32	Democrat
21	18	27	Independent
10	7	18	Something else
4	4	5	Don't know/Refused
35	42	26	Net Republican/Leaners
44	43	39	Net Democrat/Leaners

D5. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
20	20	20	Liberal
40	40	40	Moderate
33	35	29	Conservative
6	5	11	Don't know/Refused

D6. Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
51	57	37	Married
7	5	11	Living with a partner
3	3	5	Separated
10	10	12	Divorced
8	8	8	Widowed
19	17	26	Never married
1	1	1	Refused

D7. Including yourself, how many adults age 18 or older live in your household?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
29	27	32	One
55	57	53	Two
12	11	13	Three
4	5	2	Four or more
1	1	1	Refused

D8. How many people living in your household are under the age of 18?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
60	64	51	None
17	15	20	One
13	13	14	Two
6	4	9	Three
4	3	6	Four or more
1	1	1	Refused

D9. What is your religious preference? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, an Orthodox church, or some other religion?

D10. Do you consider yourself a Christian or not?

D11. Do you consider yourself a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>Total Protestant/Christian</b>
30	33	25	<i>Evangelical</i>
23	23	23	<i>Non-Evangelical</i>
3	2	5	<i>DK/Ref</i>
<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Catholic</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Jewish</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian Orthodox)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Other religion</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>No religion/Atheist/Agnostic (VOL)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Don't know/Refused</b>

D12. What is the last grade or class that you COMPLETED in school?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
3	2	5	None, or grade 1 to 8
13	8	26	High school incomplete (grade 9-11)
33	31	37	High school graduate
3	3	3	Business, technical or vocational school after high school
23	26	16	Some college, but no four-year degree
15	17	9	College graduate, four-year degree
9	12	3	Post-graduate or professional schooling after college
1	1	*	Refused

D13. Are you, or are any other adults living in your household, a member of a labor union? (IF YES, ASK: Is that you or someone else?)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Total yes</b>
7	8	5	<i>Yes, respondent only</i>
5	6	4	<i>Yes, someone else only</i>
2	2	1	<i>Yes, both (VOL)</i>
<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Don't know/Refused</b>

D14. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

D15. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? IF RESP SAYS "HISPANIC" OR "LATINO" ASK: Do you consider yourself a WHITE Hispanic/Latino or a BLACK Hispanic/Latino?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Total white, non-Hispanic</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Total non-white</b>
11	11	9	Black, non-Hispanic
10	7	15	Hispanic
2	1	4	Asian
3	3	5	Other or mixed race
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	*	<b>Don't know/Refused</b>

D16. Last year, that is in 1999, what was your total family income from all sources, BEFORE taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
8	5	13	Less than \$10,000
10	8	15	\$10,000 to under \$20,000
14	12	19	\$20,000 to under \$30,000
12	12	12	\$30,000 to under \$40,000
10	10	9	\$40,000 to under \$50,000
16	17	12	\$50,000 to under \$75,000
16	20	7	\$75,000 or more
5	4	8	Don't know
9	10	6	Refused

Region

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
20	19	20	Northeast
23	25	20	Midwest
35	36	34	South
22	20	27	West

Community Type

<u>Total</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Non-Voters</u>	
28	28	26	Urban
49	49	51	Suburban
23	23	23	Rural



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