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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008

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Methodology

The *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* 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 July 29 through August 6, 2008, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,517 adults ages 18 and older, including 1,362 adults who say they are registered to vote. Of these registered voters, there are 389 self-identified Republicans, 483 self-identified Democrats, and 394 self-identified independents. Telephone interviews were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for both the total sample and the sample of registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points; for registered voters who self-identify as Republicans and independents it is plus or minus 6 percentage points, and for those voters who self-identify as Democrats it is plus or minus 5 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.

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. Thinking ahead to the November 2008 presidential election, what is the single most important issue in your vote for president? **IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONE ISSUE PROBE FOR SECOND: Is there another issue that's nearly as important? (OPEN-END)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>RVs</u>	<u>Rep</u> <u>RVs</u>	<u>Dem</u> <u>RVs</u>	<u>Ind</u> <u>RVs</u>	
47	49	43	54	50	Economic issues (Net)
41	43	40	46	44	Economy (general)
4	4	2	6	2	Jobs
1	1	--	1	*	Poverty/homelessness
3	3	1	2	4	Other economy mentions
24	25	20	32	21	Iraq/War in Iraq
17	18	24	13	17	Gas prices/Energy (Net)
12	12	15	11	11	Gas prices
5	5	9	3	7	Energy issues
16	16	9	22	13	Health care (Net)
11	11	7	14	10	Health care (general)
3	3	1	6	1	The uninsured/access to health care/universal coverage
1	1	*	1	1	Health care costs
*	*	1	1	--	Medicare/Elderly
1	1	*	1	*	Other health care mentions
6	7	9	5	7	Personal characteristics
6	7	13	1	9	Terrorism/National security (Net)
5	5	9	1	7	National security
1	1	4	--	1	Terrorism/war on terror
5	6	8	4	6	Taxes
5	3	6	1	4	Immigration/illegal immigration
4	3	1	5	3	Education/schools
4	4	4	3	6	Foreign affairs/not Iraq (Net)
*	*	--	*	*	Middle East
*	*	*	--	*	Iran
3	4	4	3	6	Other foreign affairs mentions
3	4	7	1	4	Morality issues (Net)
2	2	5	1	3	Abortion
*	*	1	--	1	Moral issues (general)
*	*	1	--	*	Same sex marriage/gay marriage
*	*	--	*	--	Stem cells
1	1	2	*	1	Other mentions moral issues, values issues
3	3	*	4	3	Environmental issues/pollution/global warming
2	3	2	3	3	Stand on issues
2	2	2	3	2	Frustration with government/Corruption (Net)
*	*	*	*	*	Government ethics/scandals/corruption
2	2	2	3	2	Other frustration with government mentions
1	2	2	2	1	Specific candidate/party
1	1	1	1	1	Budget deficit/national debt
1	1	1	1	1	Seniors/retirement issues (not Medicare/health care)
1	1	1	2	*	Social Security
*	*	--	1	--	Crime/violence
*	*	--	*	--	Katrina
5	4	4	4	4	Other
1	1	--	*	2	Nothing
9	7	5	7	6	Don't know/Refused

Note: Table will add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

2. Now thinking specifically about HEALTH CARE, which ONE of the following health care issues is most important in your vote for president? (**READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-5, ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE ONLY**)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>RVs</u>	<u>Rep</u> <u>RVs</u>	<u>Dem</u> <u>RVs</u>	<u>Ind</u> <u>RVS</u>	
52	53	52	54	51	Making health care and health insurance more affordable
19	18	7	26	18	Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured
10	10	13	8	12	Improving the quality of care and reducing medical errors
7	6	10	4	7	Reducing spending on government health programs like Medicare and Medicaid
6	5	7	3	7	Reducing the total amount the country spends on health care
3	3	6	2	3	None of these (VOL.)
2	2	3	1	1	Other issue (VOL.)
2	2	2	2	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

READ TO ALL: On a different subject...

3. As a result of recent changes in the economy, have you or your family experienced any of the following problems, or not? (First/Next,) (**READ AND RANDOMIZE**)? **IF YES ASK:** Was this a serious problem, or not?

	<u>Yes,</u> <u>serious</u> <u>problem</u>	<u>Yes, not</u> <u>a serious</u> <u>problem</u>	<u>Not a</u> <u>problem</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Problems paying for health care and health insurance				
Total:	24	10	66	1
Total RVs:	22	9	69	*
Republican RVs:	14	10	77	--
Democratic RVs:	25	7	67	*
Independent RVs:	21	9	69	1
b. Problems paying for gas				
Total:	37	19	43	*
Total RVs:	36	19	45	*
Republican RVs:	29	17	53	*
Democratic RVs:	40	21	39	--
Independent RVs:	36	17	46	*

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3. As a result of recent changes in the economy, have you or your family experienced any of the following problems, or not? (First/Next,) **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)? IF YES ASK: Was this a serious problem, or not?**

	<u>Yes, serious problem</u>	<u>Yes, not a serious problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
c. Problems getting a good-paying job or a raise in pay				
Total:	26	10	62	1
Total RVs:	23	10	66	1
Republican RVs:	17	5	77	1
Democratic RVs:	24	13	61	2
Independent RVs:	26	9	64	1
d. Problems paying your rent or mortgage				
Total:	15	8	76	*
Total RVs:	14	7	78	*
Republican RVs:	8	4	88	*
Democratic RVs:	16	9	75	--
Independent RVs:	15	7	77	1
e. Losing money in the stock market				
Total:	15	21	63	1
Total RVs:	15	23	61	1
Republican RVs:	14	23	62	1
Democratic RVs:	14	22	63	1
Independent RVs:	17	25	57	1
f. Problems with credit card debt or other personal debt				
Total:	16	9	74	*
Total RVs:	15	9	76	*
Republican RVs:	7	6	86	*
Democratic RVs:	20	9	70	1
Independent RVs:	16	11	73	*
g. Problems paying for food				
Total:	18	14	68	*
Total RVs:	17	13	70	*
Republican RVs:	9	10	80	1
Democratic RVs:	19	17	63	*
Independent RVs:	19	8	72	--

Total serious problem to any of these: 58 %

READ TO ALL: Thinking again about issues in the presidential campaign...

4. Thinking about the candidates for president in 2008, regardless of political party or who you intend to vote for, which candidate BEST represents your own views on health care?
(OPEN-END)

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVS</u>	
43	42	9	73	37	Barack Obama
23	24	61	5	21	John McCain
1	1	*	2	2	Hillary Clinton
1	1	1	--	1	Ron Paul
*	*	--	--	*	Ralph Nader
*	*	--	--	*	Fred Thompson
*	*	--	--	*	George W. Bush
*	*	--	--	*	Mike Huckabee
*	*	*	*	1	Other candidate
1	1	*	2	2	Democratic candidate, non-specific
*	*	*	--	1	Republican candidate, non-specific
10	10	10	6	14	No candidate represents my views
7	7	6	6	8	Can't name a candidate
13	12	12	7	14	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

5. Which presidential candidate do you think would be more likely to make health care reform a top priority in his administration - John McCain (or) Barack Obama? (*Names rotated*)

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVS</u>	
59	58	29	82	56	Barack Obama
19	20	47	7	13	John McCain
2	2	2	2	4	Both equally (VOL.)
9	9	10	5	13	Neither (VOL.)
11	10	12	4	14	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

6. And which presidential candidate would do more to **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)** - John McCain (or) Barack Obama? (*Names rotated*)

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>John McCain</u>	<u>(VOL.) Both</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Make health care and health insurance more affordable					
Total:	55	20	2	9	14
Total RVs:	54	20	2	10	13
Republican RVs:	22	46	1	14	17
Democratic RVs:	82	5	1	5	7
Independent RVs:	49	18	3	14	16
b. Make sure that Americans who don't currently have health insurance get it					
Total:	63	15	2	9	11
Total RVs:	63	15	2	9	11
Republican RVs:	38	34	2	11	15
Democratic RVs:	83	4	2	5	6
Independent RVs:	60	12	2	12	13
c. Lower the total amount the country spends on health care					
Total:	36	35	1	11	17
Total RVs:	34	36	1	13	16
Republican RVs:	12	60	1	11	15
Democratic RVs:	56	22	1	9	12
Independent RVs:	25	38	1	17	19
d. Lower the federal budget deficit					
Total:	41	33	2	12	12
Total RVs:	40	34	1	13	11
Republican RVs:	9	68	1	12	10
Democratic RVs:	72	11	2	8	7
Independent RVs:	31	37	1	17	14

7. Based on what you know or have heard, whose health reform plan - John McCain's (or) Barack Obama's - would be better for... **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**? And whose plan would be better for... **(READ NEXT ITEM)** - John McCain's (or) Barack Obama's? *(Names rotated)*

		Obama's <u>plan</u>	McCain's <u>plan</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
a. Low-income people	Total:	62	15	1	6	17
	Total RVs:	62	15	1	6	16
	Republican RVs:	39	34	1	7	19
	Democratic RVs:	84	4	1	3	8
	Independent RVs:	56	13	1	8	22
b. Working families	Total:	51	23	1	6	19
	Total RVs:	51	23	1	7	18
	Republican RVs:	18	55	1	6	21
	Democratic RVs:	80	6	2	3	9
	Independent RVs:	46	21	*	8	24
c. The uninsured	Total:	59	14	1	7	20
	Total RVs:	60	14	1	7	19
	Republican RVs:	37	32	*	7	23
	Democratic RVs:	82	4	1	3	10
	Independent RVs:	55	11	1	10	23
d. Children	Total:	52	16	3	6	23
	Total RVs:	52	16	3	7	22
	Republican RVs:	23	40	3	7	27
	Democratic RVs:	78	5	3	2	12
	Independent RVs:	47	12	2	9	29
e. The elderly	Total:	44	26	1	6	23
	Total RVs:	43	26	1	7	23
	Republican RVs:	18	52	1	5	24
	Democratic RVs:	70	11	2	4	12
	Independent RVs:	35	26	1	9	30
f. Employers	Total:	28	38	1	6	27
	Total RVs:	27	40	1	6	26
	Republican RVs:	12	57	*	6	25
	Democratic RVs:	46	28	2	4	20
	Independent RVs:	16	43	1	7	33
g. Health insurance companies	Total:	27	40	2	6	25
	Total RVs:	25	41	2	7	24
	Republican RVs:	15	47	1	9	28
	Democratic RVs:	37	41	2	4	15
	Independent RVs:	19	39	3	8	31

8. Have you yourself ever bought, or tried to buy, health insurance on your own, that is, dealing directly with an insurance company or insurance agent rather than going through an employer, or not?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	
41	43	48	40	43	Have bought/tried to buy insurance on own
58	56	51	60	57	Have not bought/tried to buy insurance on own
1	1	1	1	--	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

9. Overall, was your experience buying or trying to buy your own health insurance very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

Base on those who ever bought or tried to buy health insurance on their own

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	
25	26	36	16	25	Very easy
22	22	27	19	23	Somewhat easy
23	23	16	30	22	Somewhat difficult
29	28	22	32	27	Very difficult
1	1	--	2	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=666)	(n=608)	(n=193)	(n=189)	(n=176)	

Q8/Q9 Combination Table (based on total)

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	
41	43	48	40	43	Have bought/tried to buy health insurance on own
10	11	17	6	11	Very easy experience
9	9	13	7	10	Somewhat easy experience
9	10	8	12	9	Somewhat difficult experience
12	12	10	13	12	Very difficult experience
*	1	--	1	1	Don't know/Refused
58	56	51	60	57	Have not bought/tried to buy health insurance on own
1	1	1	1	--	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

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

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
57	58	Married
5	5	Living with a partner
9	9	Divorced
2	1	Separated
8	9	Widowed
19	17	Never been married
1	*	Undesignated

D7. 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?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
10	12	Self-employed
37	37	Full-time for an employer
11	10	Part-time for an employer
21	24	Retired
11	10	Not employed
3	3	(VOL.) Homemaker
1	1	(VOL.) Student
4	4	(VOL.) Disabled
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D8. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? 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)? **USE VARIANT WORDING IN CALIFORNIA:** (Medi-Cal)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
85	87	Yes, insured
15	13	No, not insured
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

- D9. Which type of health insurance do you now have? Is it a plan through your employer, (IF D6=1: a plan through your spouse's employer,) a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare, Medicaid (USE VARIANT WORDING IN CALIFORNIA: (Medi-Cal)), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are insured

<u>Total</u>	Total <u>RVs</u>	
39	40	A plan through your employer
17	18	A plan through your spouse's employer
7	7	A plan you purchased yourself
19	20	Medicare
4	4	Medicaid
5	5	Some other government program
7	7	Get insurance from somewhere else
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=1,362)	(n=1,245)	

10. Assuming the cost to you was about the same, would you prefer to get health insurance through (IF D9=1: your/IF D9=2: your spouse's) employer at work, OR would you prefer to buy health insurance on your own, OR doesn't it make much difference to you?

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

<u>Total</u>	Total <u>RVs</u>	Rep <u>RVs</u>	Dem <u>RVs</u>	Ind <u>RVS</u>	
47	47	51	50	41	Get health insurance through employer/spouse's employer at work
14	13	12	12	17	Buy health insurance on your own
36	36	36	34	39	Doesn't make much difference to you
4	4	1	4	4	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=692)	(n=640)	(n=174)	(n=232)	(n=192)	

11. If you were to buy health insurance on your own, do you think it would be EASIER or HARDER to **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**, or wouldn't it make much difference compared to your current situation? What about to **(READ NEXT ITEM)**? (Do you think purchasing your own coverage would make it EASIER or HARDER for you to **(READ ITEM)**, or wouldn't it make much difference?)

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

	<u>Easier</u>	<u>Harder</u>	<u>No difference</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Get a good price for health insurance				
Total (n=692):	5	82	8	5
Total RVs (n=640):	5	81	8	5
Republican RVs (n=174):	10	75	9	6
Democratic RVs (n=232):	3	88	4	5
Independent RVs (n=192):	4	82	9	5
b. Find or keep health insurance if you are sick				
Total:	5	78	12	6
Total RVs:	5	78	12	6
Republican RVs:	5	72	16	7
Democratic RVs:	7	81	8	4
Independent RVs:	3	80	10	7
c. Handle administrative issues, such as filing a claim or signing up for a policy				
Total:	8	65	22	5
Total RVs:	8	65	22	5
Republican RVs:	13	59	26	2
Democratic RVs:	8	67	19	5
Independent RVs:	5	67	21	7
d. Find a plan that matches your needs well				
Total:	16	62	17	6
Total RVs:	15	61	18	6
Republican RVs:	17	57	22	4
Democratic RVs:	12	66	16	6
Independent RVs:	17	59	18	6

12. Now having thought about these issues, would you say you prefer to get health insurance through (IF D9=1: your/IF D9=2: your spouse's) employer at work, OR you prefer to buy health insurance on your own, OR doesn't it make much difference to you?

Based on those who prefer to buy own insurance or are indifferent

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	<u>Rep RVs</u>	<u>Dem RVs</u>	<u>Ind RVs</u>	
55	56	57	54	58	Get health insurance through employer/spouse's employer at work
14	13	18	11	13	Buy health insurance on your own
31	30	25	33	28	Doesn't make much difference to you
*	1	*	1	--	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=337)	(n=313)	(n=85)	(n=105)	(n=101)	

Q10/Q12 Combination Table (based on those who are insured through their own/their spouse's employer)

<u>Total</u>	Total <u>RVs</u>	Rep <u>RVs</u>	Dem <u>RVs</u>	Ind <u>RVS</u>	
74	75	79	75	73	Get health insurance through own/spouse's employer at work
47	47	51	50	41	Initially say they prefer to get health insurance through an employer
27	28	28	25	32	Say they prefer to get health insurance through an employer after hearing considerations in Q11
7	7	8	5	7	Buy health insurance on your own
15	15	12	15	16	Doesn't make much difference
4	4	1	5	4	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=692)	(n=640)	(n=174)	(n=232)	(n=192)	

13. If you had to get health insurance on your own, how helpful would you find an independent organization that provides a range of health insurance plans for you to choose from – do you think it would be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful, or not at all helpful to you?

<u>Total</u>	Total <u>RVs</u>	Rep <u>RVs</u>	Dem <u>RVs</u>	Ind <u>RVS</u>	
32	31	32	29	33	Very helpful
39	39	39	40	41	Somewhat helpful
7	7	6	8	6	Not too helpful
13	14	14	13	14	Not at all helpful
8	9	9	10	7	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

14. Thinking about the place (IF D9=1: you work/IF D9=2: your spouse works), would you say it has fewer than 20 employees, or 20 or more employees?

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

<u>Total</u>	Total <u>RVs</u>	Rep <u>RVs</u>	Dem <u>RVs</u>	Ind <u>RVS</u>	
9	9	10	8	9	Fewer than 20 employees
89	89	89	89	90	20 or more employees
2	2	2	3	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=692)	(n=640)	(n=174)	(n=232)	(n=192)	

15. How much would you say you have heard about a federal program called COBRA that allows you to continue to purchase health insurance through your employer after you leave a job if you pay the entire cost of the insurance premium? Would you say you have heard a lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all?

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	
46	47	46	44	52	A lot
22	22	23	24	20	Some
14	14	13	16	14	Only a little
18	16	17	16	15	Nothing at all
1	1	1	1	--	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=692)	(n=640)	(n=174)	(n=232)	(n=192)	

16. If (IF D9=1: you/IF D9=2: your spouse) lost a job, how difficult would it be for you to pay the full cost of your health insurance premiums – that is, the portion you now pay (IF D9=1: yourself/IF D9=2: yourselves) plus the portion (IF D9=1: your/IF D9=2: your spouse's) employer now pays? Would you say it would be very difficult, somewhat difficult, not too difficult, or not difficult at all to pay the full cost of your health insurance premiums?

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	
64	64	57	68	63	Very difficult
24	24	28	24	25	Somewhat difficult
6	6	7	6	5	Not too difficult
4	4	5	1	6	Not difficult at all
2	1	3	1	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=692)	(n=640)	(n=174)	(n=232)	(n=192)	

17. How confident are you that you have enough savings to pay for health care costs in the event of an emergency or serious illness (**READ**)?

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	<u>RVS</u>	
19	19	30	13	18	Very confident
27	28	35	23	28	Somewhat confident
20	19	13	25	16	Not too confident
33	32	22	38	35	Not at all confident
1	1	*	1	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused
(n=692)	(n=640)	(n=174)	(n=232)	(n=192)	

Questions 18 – 34 held for future release.

DEMOGRAPHICS (ASK ALL):

(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

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
49	49	Male
51	51	Female

D2. Have you heard of the new government website, www.HospitalCompare.hhs.gov, that lets consumers compare hospitals, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
6	7	Yes
93	93	No
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D3. In the past 12 months, how many times have you, yourself, done each of the following...**(READ AND RANDOMIZE)?**

a. Had a doctor's visit

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
14	12	No doctor's visits
16	16	1 time
19	20	2 times
23	24	3-4 times
22	22	5-12 times
5	5	13 or more times
2	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

b. Had an overnight stay in a hospital

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
83	84	No hospital overnight stays
10	10	1 time
7	6	2 or more times
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

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D3. In the past 12 months, how many times have you, yourself, done each of the following...(READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

c. Gone to a hospital emergency room for medical treatment

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
71	72	No emergency room visits
16	16	1 time
12	12	2 or more times
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D4. Are you, or is someone else in your household now receiving regular medical treatment or making regular doctor visits for any chronic health problem -- such as asthma, high blood pressure or cancer?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
40	42	Yes
59	58	No
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D5. Have you or any member of your household become uninsured in the last 6 months?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
13	11	Yes
87	89	No
*	--	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D5a. What was the MAIN reason why you or your household member became uninsured? Was it because (READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1-4)?

Based on those who have become uninsured in the last 6 months

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
33	35	Someone lost a job that provided health insurance benefits
28	25	You could no longer afford insurance
10	8	You were dropped from your insurance due to poor health, illness, or age
2	2	You didn't think you needed insurance anymore
25	27	Some other reason (VOL.)
2	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

(n=133) (n=102)

D5/D5a Combination Table (based on total)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
13	11	You/someone in household has become uninsured in last 6 months
4	4	Someone lost a job that provided health insurance benefits
4	3	You could no longer afford insurance
1	1	You were dropped from your insurance due to poor health, illness, or age
*	*	You didn't think you needed insurance anymore
3	3	Some other reason (VOL.)
*	*	Don't know/Refused
87	89	No one in household has become uninsured in last 6 months
*	--	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D10. What is your age? **(RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)**
 _____ years

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
19	17	18-29
36	35	30-49
26	28	50-64
17	19	65 and older
2	2	Undesignated
55	51	Total Under 50
43	47	Total 50 and older

D11. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
22	23	Excellent
33	32	Very good
31	31	Good
9	9	Only fair
5	5	Poor
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D12. Do you have a disability, handicap or chronic disease that keeps you from participating fully in work, housework, school or other activities?

	Total	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	
20	20	Yes
79	80	No
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D12a. Does any other adult in your household have a disability, handicap or chronic disease that keeps them from participating fully in work, housework, school or other activities?

	Total	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	
14	14	Yes
85	85	No
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D13. In politics today, do you consider yourself a **[ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/ Democrat, Republican]**, an Independent, or what?

	Total	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	
24	26	Republican
37	38	Democrat
30	28	Independent
3	3	Or what?
6	4	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D13. In politics today, do you consider yourself a **[ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/ Democrat, Republican]**, an Independent, or what?

D13a. Do you LEAN more towards the **[ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]**?

	Total	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	
33	36	Republican/Lean Republican
51	51	Democrat/Lean Democratic
15	14	Refused to Lean

D14. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

85	Yes
14	No
1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D15. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
25	25	Liberal
33	34	Moderate
34	35	Conservative
7	6	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

D16. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? **(DO NOT READ)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
3	2	None, or grade 1-8
9	7	High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
34	32	High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
3	3	Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school
23	24	Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)
18	20	College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)
11	12	Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)
1	1	Refused

D17. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
32	31	Yes
67	69	No
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused

- D18. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?
- D19. 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?)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
71	75	White, Non Hispanic
27	24	Total Non-White
10	11	Black or African-American
12	8	Hispanic
3	3	Asian
2	2	Other or mixed race
2	2	Undesignated

- D20. Last year -- that is, in 2007 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **(READ)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
16	13	Less than \$20,000
9	9	\$20,000 to less than \$30,000
18	18	\$30,000 to less than \$50,000
13	14	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
11	12	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
16	17	\$100,000 or more
17	17	(DO NOT READ) Don't know /Refused



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