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January/February 2006 Health Poll Report Survey

***Selected Findings on 2006 State of the Union
Address and Health Care***

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Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Poll Report Survey* was conducted and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation. A nationally representative sample of 1,203 adults ages 18 and older was contacted by telephone by Princeton Survey Research Associates International between February 2 and February 7, 2006. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

The margin of sampling error for the survey is plus or minus 3 percentage points for total respondents. For results based on smaller subsets of respondents 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.

Q3. Did you watch or listen to George W. Bush's recent State of the Union address?

- 41 Yes
- 59 No
- * Don't know/Refused

Now I want to ask you a few questions about the President's State of the Union address. For each one, please tell me if you don't know enough to say.

Q4. How much would you say the President focused on health care in his State of the Union address – was it a major focus, a minor focus, he barely mentioned it, or he didn't talk about health care at all?

- 6 Major focus
- 24 Minor focus
- 12 Barely mentioned it
- 5 Didn't talk about health care at all
- 52 Don't know/Refused

Q5. When he talked about health care, did he emphasize each of the following, or not? (First,) did he emphasize (**READ AND RANDOMIZE**)?

| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>DK/Ref.</u> |
|---|------------|-----------|----------------|
| a. Medical malpractice reform | 15 | 19 | 66 |
| b. The HIV epidemic in the U.S. | 12 | 25 | 63 |
| c. Health care costs | 28 | 15 | 57 |
| d. A national health care system to cover all Americans | 16 | 27 | 57 |
| e. Implementing the prescription drug program for seniors | 30 | 13 | 57 |

Q6. Next, I'd like to ask your familiarity with the term "health savings account." Have you heard the term and you know what it means, have you heard it but you don't know what it means, or have you not heard the term "health savings account"?

- 29 Heard of and know what it means
- 24 Heard of but don't know what it means
- 45 Have not heard of it
- 2 Don't know/Refused

Q7. Please tell which of the following best describes what a Health Savings Account is. If you don't know enough to say, please tell me. Is it **(READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-3)**?

- 38 An account that allows people to set aside tax-free dollars to pay for routine health care costs not covered by their high-deductible insurance plan (or)
- 17 An account that allows young people to set aside tax-free dollars to pay for health care costs when they retire (or)
- 5 Rebates provided by insurance companies to people who practice healthy behaviors such as quitting smoking (or)
- 39 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know/Refused

Q8. Now thinking about people with HIV in the United States... What proportion of all AIDS cases in this country do you think occur among African Americans? Would you say... **(READ)**

- 7 Less than one quarter
- 24 About one quarter
- 32 About half OR
- 16 About three quarters?
- 21 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know/Refused

Q9. Did the President propose each of the following in his State of the Union address to address the HIV epidemic in the U.S.? (First,) did he propose to **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**...?

| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>DK/Ref.</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|----------------|
| a. Reform and reauthorize the Ryan White Care Act | 6 | 10 | 84 |
| b. Increase HIV testing through African American churches and faith-based groups | 11 | 13 | 76 |
| c. End the waiting list for HIV drugs | 9 | 15 | 76 |
| d. Increase funding for HIV vaccine research | 17 | 13 | 70 |

Q10. Where do you think you learned the most about what the President said about health care in the State of the Union address? Did you learn mostly from...**(READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-3)**?

- 52 What you heard from pundits or news reporters on TV or read in a newspaper (or)
- 17 What you heard from friends or family members (or)
- 13 Listening to the speech itself (or)
- 18 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know/Refused

DEMOGRAPHICS:

(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

- 48 Male
- 52 Female

D2. What is your age?

- 20 18-29
- 37 30-49
- 25 50-64
- 17 65 and older
- 1 Refused

- 57 Total Under 50
- 42 Total 50 and older

D3. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

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

D4. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? **(DO NOT READ)**

- 6 None, or grade 1-8
- 9 High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
- 33 High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
- 3 Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school
- 23 Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)
- 16 College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)
- 10 Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)
- * Refused

D5. Last year -- that is, in 2005 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?
Just stop me when I get to the right category. **(READ)**

- 8 Less than \$10,000
- 12 \$10,000 to under \$20,000
- 11 \$20,000 to under \$30,000
- 18 \$30,000 to under \$50,000
- 16 \$50,000 to under \$75,000
- 11 \$75,000 to under \$100,000
- 10 \$100,000 to under \$200,000
- 2 \$200,000 or more
- 5 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 7 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

D6. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D7. 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?)**

- 71 White, Non Hispanic
- 28 Total Non-White
 - 11 Black or African-American
 - 12 Hispanic
 - 2 Asian
 - 3 Other or mixed race
- 1 Don't know/Refused



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