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# **The Public's Health Care Agenda for the New Congress and Presidential Campaign**

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## Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health Survey, *The Public's Health Care Agenda for the New Congress and Presidential Campaign*, was designed and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard School of Public Health. The Kaiser/Harvard survey research team included Drew E. Altman, Ph.D., Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., and Claudia Deane, M.A. from the Kaiser Family Foundation; and Professor Robert Blendon, Sc.D., and John Benson, M.A. of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Fieldwork was done by telephone November 9 to 19, 2006 among a nationally representative sample of 1,867 respondents ages 18 and over -- including 1,363 respondents who reported voting in the midterm election -- by ICR/International Communications Research. The survey included an oversample of respondents ages 65 and over; a total of 718 respondents in this age group were interviewed, including 275 who reported being enrolled in the Medicare Part D benefit. Overall results have been weighted to reflect the actual demographic distribution of the nation.

The margin of sampling error for results based on the full sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Margins of error for key reported subgroups are as follows: respondents aged 18 – 64, +/- 4 points; respondents 65 plus, +/- 4 points; and seniors who reported being enrolled in Medicare Part D, +/- 7 points. For results based on smaller subsets of respondents the margin of sampling error is somewhat 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. Percentages may not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

S2. GENDER

**Total**  
**48** Male  
**52** Female

1. Are you registered to vote at your present address?

**Total**  
**77** Yes  
**22** No  
**1** Don't know  
**--** Refused

2. Thinking now about the elections for Congress, and in some states for Senate or governor, that took place (this past Tuesday/Tuesday November 7th). Did you happen to vote in the Congressional elections, including voting by mail, early voting, or absentee ballot before the election, or did things come up that kept you from voting?

Based on total who are registered to vote

**Total**  
**76** Yes  
**24** No  
**--** Don't know  
**\*** Refused  
N=1628

- 1/2. Registered Voter Combination Table # 1

**Total**  
**77** Registered to vote (NET)  
**59** Voted 11/7/2006  
**18** Did not vote 11/7/2006  
**22** Not registered to vote  
**1** Don't know  
**--** Refused

3. In the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in your district, did you happen to vote for the (Democratic) candidate or the (Republican) candidate?

Based on total who voted on 11/7/2006

**Total**  
**50** The Democratic candidate  
**38** The Republican candidate  
**1** Some other candidate  
**\*** Didn't vote for Congress  
**4** Don't know  
**6** Refused  
N=1363

4. What were the two most important issues in deciding your vote for Congress this year?

Based on total who voted on 11/7/2006

<b>Total</b>	
<b>38</b>	Iraq
<b>6</b>	Terrorism/National Security (net)
<b>2</b>	Terrorism/war on terror
<b>3</b>	National security
<b>2</b>	Border control/border security
<b>1</b>	Military issues
<b>1</b>	Patriot Act/Civil liberties issues
<b>17</b>	Economic Issues (net)
<b>6</b>	Jobs (sub net)
<b>2</b>	More job/unemployment
<b>3</b>	Better jobs/better wages/raise minimum wage
<b>1</b>	Jobs going overseas
<b>*</b>	Other jobs mentions
<b>*</b>	High cost of living/inflation
<b>1</b>	Cost of war/how war effects economy
<b>12</b>	Economy (general)
<b>*</b>	Other economy mentions
<b>2</b>	Gas prices/Energy (net)
<b>1</b>	Gas prices
<b>1</b>	Energy issues
<b>14</b>	Specific to Local Race (net)
<b>13</b>	Candidate experience/values/character
<b>2</b>	Local issues
<b>*</b>	Other Local Race issues
<b>15</b>	Anti-Republican/Anti-Bush/Need Change (net)
<b>7</b>	Anti-Republican, anti-conservative
<b>4</b>	Anti-Bush
<b>7</b>	Need change/new direction
<b>5</b>	Pro-Republican/Pro-Bush (net)
<b>4</b>	Pro-Republican, pro-Conservative
<b>1</b>	Pro-Bush
<b>*</b>	Other pro-Republican/pro-Bush mentions
<b>8</b>	Health care (net)
<b>*</b>	The uninsured
<b>1</b>	Health care costs
<b>1</b>	Prescription drug costs (not Medicare/elderly)
<b>*</b>	Prescription drug costs (elderly)
<b>*</b>	Medicare prescription drug benefit
<b>1</b>	Medicare (general)
<b>1</b>	Senior health care (general costs and coverage issues)
<b>*</b>	Health care coverage for all/universal health care
<b>2</b>	Health insurance (cost, coverage)
<b>*</b>	Better health care quality
<b>*</b>	Health care availability/accessibility
<b>4</b>	Health care (general)
<b>*</b>	Other health care mentions
<b>11</b>	Morality issues (net)
<b>5</b>	Abortion
<b>2</b>	Stem Cells
<b>3</b>	Same sex marriage/gay marriage
<b>3</b>	Moral issues (general)
<b>1</b>	Other moral issue mentions
<b>1</b>	Pro-Christian/Christian Agenda

**13** Frustration with Gov't/Corruption (net)  
**7** Government ethics/scandals/corruption  
**3** Government not working/incompetence  
\* Bipartisan politics/party bickering  
**1** Campaigns/elections  
**1** Pay raises/benefits  
**1** Other frustration mentions  
**1** Budget deficit/national debt  
**2** Controlling spending  
**10** Taxes  
**7** Immigration/illegal immigration  
**2** Anti-Democrat/Anti-Liberal  
**4** Pro-Democrat/Pro-liberal  
**6** Education/schools  
\* College tuition/aid  
**2** Social Security  
**1** Seniors/Retirement issues  
**2** Environment  
**1** Guns  
\* Katrina  
**3** Foreign affairs (not Iraq)  
**2** Helping middle class/middle class issues  
**1** Domestic issues/focus on improving our own country  
\* Social programs (Welfare, Medicaid, etc.)  
**1** Smaller/less government  
**1** Against big business control/profitteering  
**1** Better spending of tax dollars  
\* Poverty/the poor/homelessness  
\* English language  
**1** Nothing  
**2** Other  
**10** Don't know  
**1** Refused

N=1363

4b. You mentioned (INSERT). Can you tell me more specifically what you mean by that?

Based on total who voted on 11/7/2006 and mentioned health care or seniors/retirement as important in their decision to vote

<b>Total</b>	
<b>21</b>	Uninsured/Access/Expanding Coverage (net)
<b>2</b>	Coverage for everyone/everyone being insured
<b>6</b>	Better insurance coverage
<b>4</b>	Health insurance for children
<b>4</b>	Accessibility to health care for all
<b>4</b>	Should have national health plan/federalized health care/government funded
<b>30</b>	Health care cost – including RX (net)
<b>10</b>	Affordable health care/high cost of health care services
<b>6</b>	Affordable insurance
<b>18</b>	Prescription drug costs/affordable drugs (not Elderly/Medicare)
<b>1</b>	Cost/high cost (unspecified)
<b>1</b>	Other health care cost mentions
<b>21</b>	Medicare (net)
<b>14</b>	Medicare drug benefit (sub net)
<b>11</b>	Medicare prescription drugs/ Part D benefit
<b>1</b>	Prescription drug costs for the elderly
<b>2</b>	Other prescription drug mentions for elderly
<b>5</b>	Health care for elderly (not RX mentions)
<b>2</b>	Medicare (general)
<b>1</b>	Quality (net)
<b>1</b>	Lack of quality health care
<b>5</b>	Other (net)
<b>4</b>	Health care (unspecified)
<b>1</b>	Any other health care mentions
<b>8</b>	Not Health care (net)
<b>2</b>	Social Security
<b>*</b>	Seniors/retirement (not related to health or health care)
<b>6</b>	Any other non-health care mentions
<b>2</b>	Don't know
<b>9</b>	Refused

N=103

5. Please tell me which of the following was MOST important when you decided who to vote for. Was it ... the candidates' stands on the issues or your perception of the candidates' leadership abilities, character, values, and experience?

Based on total who voted on 11/7/2006

<b>Total</b>	
<b>56</b>	The candidates' stands on the issues
<b>39</b>	Perceptions of the candidates
<b>4</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	Refused

N=1363

6. Now that the Congressional elections are over, some people's attention is turning to the presidential election coming up in 2008. Thinking about the upcoming presidential campaign, what two issues would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about?

Based on one half of total respondents

<b>Total</b>	
<b>40</b>	Iraq
<b>11</b>	Terrorism/National Security (net)
<b>4</b>	Terrorism/war on terror
<b>5</b>	National security
<b>2</b>	Border control/border security
<b>1</b>	Military issues
<b>*</b>	Other terrorism/national security issues
<b>1</b>	Patriot Act/Civil liberties issues
<b>24</b>	Economic Issues (net)
<b>8</b>	Jobs (sub net)
<b>3</b>	More job/unemployment
<b>4</b>	Better jobs/better wages/raise minimum wage
<b>2</b>	Jobs going overseas
<b>*</b>	Other jobs mentions
<b>1</b>	High cost of living/inflation
<b>1</b>	Trade issues/trade deficit
<b>1</b>	Cost of war/how war effects economy
<b>15</b>	Economy (general)
<b>1</b>	Other economy mentions
<b>5</b>	Gas prices/Energy (net)
<b>2</b>	Gas prices
<b>2</b>	Energy issues
<b>*</b>	Other gas/energy issues
<b>*</b>	Specific to Local Race (net)
<b>*</b>	Candidate experience/values/character
<b>*</b>	Local issues
<b>1</b>	Anti-Republican/Anti-Bush/Need Change (net)
<b>*</b>	Anti-Republican, anti-conservative
<b>*</b>	Anti-Bush
<b>*</b>	Need change/new direction
<b>*</b>	Pro-Republican/Pro-Bush (net)
<b>*</b>	Pro-Republican, pro-Conservative
<b>*</b>	Pro-Bush
<b>20</b>	Health care (net)
<b>*</b>	The uninsured
<b>2</b>	Health care costs
<b>1</b>	Prescription drug costs (not Medicare/elderly)
<b>1</b>	Prescription drug costs (elderly)
<b>1</b>	Medicare prescription drug benefit
<b>2</b>	Medicare (general)
<b>1</b>	Senior health care (general costs and coverage issues)
<b>2</b>	Health care coverage for all/universal health care
<b>2</b>	Health insurance (cost, coverage)
<b>*</b>	Better health care quality
<b>*</b>	Health care availability/accessibility
<b>8</b>	Health care (general)
<b>*</b>	Other health care mentions

**6** Morality issues (net)  
**3**    Abortion  
**1**    Stem Cells  
**2**    Same sex marriage/gay marriage  
**1**    Moral issues (general)  
**1**    Other moral issue mentions  
\*    Pro-Christian/Christian Agenda  
**2** Frustration with Gov't/Corruption (net)  
**1**    Government ethics/scandals/corruption  
**1**    Bipartisan politics/party bickering  
\*    Campaigns/elections  
\*    Pay raises/benefits  
\*    Other frustration mentions  
**5** Budget deficit/national debt  
**1** Controlling spending  
**6** Taxes  
**13** Immigration/illegal immigration  
\*    Anti-Democrat/Anti-Liberal  
\*    Pro-Democrat/Pro-liberal  
**7** Education/schools  
\*    College tuition/aid  
**5** Social Security  
**1** Seniors/Retirement issues  
**2** Environment  
\*    Guns  
**1** Katrina  
**6** Foreign affairs (not Iraq)  
**1** Helping middle class/middle class issues  
**2** Domestic issues/focus on improving our own country  
**1** Social programs (Welfare, Medicaid, etc.)  
\*    Smaller/less government  
**1** Against big business control/profitteering  
\*    Better spending of tax dollars  
**2** Poverty/the poor/homelessness  
**1** Safety from crime  
\*    English language  
**2** Nothing  
**2** Other  
**10** Don't know  
\*    Refused

N=939



7. Now thinking about the new session of Congress that will be starting in January, which two issues would you most like the president and Congress to act on next year?

Based on one half of total respondents

<b>Total</b>	
<b>46</b>	Iraq
<b>7</b>	Terrorism/National Security (net)
<b>3</b>	Terrorism/war on terror
<b>2</b>	National security
<b>2</b>	Border control/border security
<b>1</b>	Military issues
*	Other terrorism/national security issues
*	Patriot Act/Civil liberties issues
<b>15</b>	Economic Issues (net)
<b>9</b>	Jobs (sub net)
<b>4</b>	More job/unemployment
<b>5</b>	Better jobs/better wages/raise minimum wage
<b>1</b>	Jobs going overseas
*	Other jobs mentions
<b>1</b>	High cost of living/inflation
*	Trade issues/trade deficit
<b>1</b>	Cost of war/how war effects economy
<b>5</b>	Economy (general)
*	Other economy mentions
<b>4</b>	Gas prices/Energy (net)
<b>3</b>	Gas prices
<b>1</b>	Energy issues
*	Specific to Local Race (net)
*	Candidate experience/values/character
*	Local issues
<b>2</b>	Anti-Republican/Anti-Bush/Need Change (net)
*	Anti-Republican, anti-conservative
<b>1</b>	Anti-Bush
*	Need change/new direction
*	Pro-Republican/Pro-Bush (net)
*	Pro-Bush
<b>15</b>	Health care (net)
*	The uninsured
<b>1</b>	Health care costs
<b>1</b>	Prescription drug costs (not Medicare/elderly)
*	Prescription drug costs (elderly)
*	Medicare prescription drug benefit
<b>1</b>	Medicare (general)
<b>1</b>	Senior health care (general costs and coverage issues)
<b>1</b>	Health care coverage for all/universal health care
<b>2</b>	Health insurance (cost, coverage)
<b>1</b>	Better health care quality
*	Health care availability/accessibility
<b>6</b>	Health care (general)
<b>1</b>	Other health care mentions
<b>5</b>	Morality issues (net)
<b>2</b>	Abortion
<b>1</b>	Stem Cells
<b>2</b>	Same sex marriage/gay marriage
*	Moral issues (general)
*	Other moral issue mentions
*	Pro-Christian/Christian Agenda

<b>3</b>	Frustration with Gov't/Corruption (net)
<b>1</b>	Government ethics/scandals/corruption
*	Government not working/incompetence
<b>1</b>	Bipartisan politics/party bickering
*	Campaigns/elections
*	Pay raises/benefits
*	Other frustration mentions
<b>3</b>	Budget deficit/national debt
<b>1</b>	Controlling spending
<b>8</b>	Taxes
<b>12</b>	Immigration/illegal immigration
*	Anti-Democrat/Anti-Liberal
*	Pro-Democrat/Pro-liberal
<b>5</b>	Education/schools
<b>1</b>	College tuition/aid
<b>4</b>	Social Security
*	Seniors/Retirement issues
<b>2</b>	Environment
*	Guns
*	Katrina
<b>4</b>	Foreign affairs (not Iraq)
<b>1</b>	Helping middle class/middle class issues
<b>1</b>	Domestic issues/focus on improving our own country
<b>1</b>	Social programs (Welfare, Medicaid, etc.)
*	Smaller/less government
*	Against big business control/profitteering
*	Better spending of tax dollars
<b>1</b>	Poverty/the poor/homelessness
*	Safety from crime
*	English language
<b>1</b>	Nothing
<b>1</b>	Other
<b>17</b>	Don't know
*	Refused

N=928

8. Do you think the federal government spends too much, too little, or the right amount on health care?

<b>Total</b>	
<b>11</b>	Too much
<b>67</b>	Too little
<b>15</b>	The right amount
<b>7</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	Refused

9. If you had to pick ONE of the following public health issues for the president and Congress to work on next year, which would it be? \*\*

**Total**

- 67** Increasing spending on medical research for treatment and cures of diseases such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes
- 13** Better preparing the nation for public health threats like avian flu
- 14** Doing more to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS in the US and globally
- 5** None of these (Vol.)
- 1** Don't know
- \*** Refused

\*\* Response options read in random order.

- 10a. Which ONE of the following health care issues would you most like to hear the 2008 presidential candidates talk about over the next two years and focus on in any health reform plan they may develop? \*\*

Based on one half of total respondents

**Total**

- 31** Reducing health care costs
- 32** Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured
- 10** Improving the quality of care and reducing errors
- 18** Improving the Medicare prescription drug benefit for seniors
- 6** Reducing spending on government health programs like Medicare and Medicaid
- 2** None of these (Vol.)
- 1** Don't know
- Refused

N=939

\*\* Response options read in random order.

- 10b. If you had to pick ONE of the following health care issues for the president and Congress to work on next year, which would it be? \*\*

Based on one half of total respondents

**Total**

- 30** Reducing health care costs
- 35** Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured
- 10** Improving the quality of care and reducing errors
- 18** Improving the Medicare prescription drug benefit for seniors
- 6** Reducing spending on government health programs like Medicare and Medicaid
- 1** None of these (Vol.)
- 1** Don't know
- Refused

N=928

\*\* Response options read in random order.

11. Do you think that the cost of health care is something the president and Congress can do a lot about, do a little about, or is that mostly beyond their control?

**Total**

- 64** A lot
- 19** A little
- 14** Mostly beyond their control
- 3** Don't know
- \*** Refused

12. Thinking ahead to the presidential election in 2008, which ONE of the following three things would you like to see in a health care reform proposal from a candidate? Would you want your candidate...?

**Total**

- 57** To propose a new health plan that would make a major effort to provide health insurance for nearly all of the uninsured and would involve a substantial increase in spending
- 24** To propose a new health plan that is more limited and would cover only some groups of the uninsured, but would involve less new spending
- 14** To propose keeping things basically as they are
- 4** Don't know
- 1** Refused

No Q13

14. Do you favor or oppose Congress changing the law to allow Americans to buy prescription drugs imported from Canada if they think they can get a lower price?  
GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

**Total**

- 55** Strongly favor
- 24** Somewhat favor
- 8** Somewhat oppose
- 11** Strongly oppose
- 3** Don't know
- \*** Refused

15. Do you think the president and the new Congress should do more to strengthen the Food and Drug Administration's ability to ensure the safety of prescription drugs, or do you think the Food and Drug Administration is doing a good job as it is?

**Total**

- 53** Should do more
- 43** Doing a good job as is
- 4** Don't know
- 1** Refused

16. To achieve universal health coverage, one proposal would require that everyone have health insurance, the way all drivers are required to have automobile insurance. People with higher incomes who do not have coverage would be required to buy insurance, and the government would help to pay for insurance for those who can't afford it. Would favor or oppose such a plan?  
GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

**Total**

**38** Strongly favor  
**25** Somewhat favor  
**11** Somewhat oppose  
**21** Strongly oppose  
**4** Don't know  
**\*** Refused

17. President Bush has banned federal funding for medical research using stem cells from human embryos, except from a small number of existing stem cell lines. Do you favor or oppose the new Congress expanding stem cell research by allowing federal funding for research that uses newly-created stem cells obtained from human embryos?  
GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

**Total**

**40** Strongly favor  
**17** Somewhat favor  
**8** Somewhat oppose  
**29** Strongly oppose  
**6** Don't know  
**\*** Refused

18. People in different age groups have various opinions on current issues. So, could you please tell me your exact age?
19. [If refused exact age, ask:] Would you say you are under 65 or 65 or older?

18/19. Age Combination Table

Total	Under 65	65+	
83	100	--	Under age 65+ (NET)
21	26	--	18-29
38	45	--	30-49
23	27	--	50-64
1	1	--	Unspecified
17	--	100	65+ (NET)
9	--	54	65-74
7	--	44	75+
*	--	1	Unspecified
*	--	--	Refused

20. As you may know, a new prescription drug benefit is now available for people on Medicare. Given what you know about it, in general, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the new Medicare prescription drug benefit?

Total	Under 65	65+	
37	36	42	Favorable
31	31	34	Unfavorable
8	8	9	Neither/neutral (Vol.)
23	25	15	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused

21. Overall, what message would you send to policymakers in Washington? Would you say the new Medicare drug benefit...? \*\*

Total	Under 65	65+	
8	7	12	Is working well and no real changes are needed
43	43	41	Could be improved with some minor changes
27	27	28	Is not working well and needs major changes
8	7	10	Is not working well and should be repealed
14	15	9	Don't know
*	*	1	Refused

\*\* Response options rotated 1-4/4-1.

22. I'm going to read you some things some people have said about the Medicare prescription drug benefit, and I'd like you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with each.

Do you agree or disagree that the Medicare prescription drug benefit (INSERT)?

GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly or just somewhat?\*

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Refused
<b>Total</b>						
a. Helps people on Medicare save money on their prescriptions	30	36	10	12	13	*
b. Is especially helpful for low-income people on Medicare	32	31	8	13	15	*
c. Is too complicated	50	21	9	7	12	*
d. Benefits private health plans and pharmaceutical companies too much	37	20	16	7	19	*
e. Is helpful for people like me (asked of total respondents 65+)	29	25	11	23	11	1
<b>Under 65</b>						
a. Helps people on Medicare save money on their prescriptions	30	36	10	11	13	*
b. Is especially helpful for low-income people on Medicare	31	31	8	14	16	*
c. Is too complicated	50	21	9	7	13	*
d. Benefits private health plans and pharmaceutical companies too much	37	21	17	6	19	*
e. Is helpful for people like me (asked of total respondents 65+)	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>65+</b>						
a. Helps people on Medicare save money on their prescriptions	32	36	8	12	11	1
b. Is especially helpful for low-income people on Medicare	37	30	9	12	11	1
c. Is too complicated	51	22	12	8	7	*
d. Benefits private health plans and pharmaceutical companies too much	41	19	12	8	19	1
e. Is helpful for people like me (asked of total respondents 65+)	29	25	11	23	11	1

\*\* Items read in random order.

23. Now here are some proposals regarding the Medicare prescription drug benefit.  
Do you favor or oppose (INSERT)?  
GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly or just somewhat?\*\*\*

Based on one half of total respondents (items a, b, c, g); n = 923

Based on one half of total respondents (items d, e, f); n = 944

<b>Total</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	Refused
a. Simplifying the new drug benefit by reducing the number of available plans seniors have to choose from	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>*</b>
b. Allowing the federal government to use its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price for Medicare prescription drugs	<b>65</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>*</b>
c. Waiving the penalty for late enrollment for a few years to give seniors a chance to learn more about the new drug benefit before they decide whether or not to enroll	<b>61</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>--</b>
d. Allowing seniors the choice of obtaining their prescription drug plan directly from Medicare – instead of from a private insurance company	<b>50</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>*</b>
e. Spending more federal money to get rid of the existing coverage gap – or doughnut hole – so that seniors will not have a period where they are responsible for paying the full cost of their medicines	<b>49</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>*</b>
f. Cutting the program back because it's costing the federal government too much money	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>*</b>
g. Keeping the program exactly as it is	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>*</b>

Based on one half of total respondents (items a, b, c, g); n = 572

Based on one half of total respondents (items d, e, f); n = 575

<b>Under 65</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	Refused
a. Simplifying the new drug benefit by reducing the number of available plans seniors have to choose from	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>*</b>
b. Allowing the federal government to use its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price for Medicare prescription drugs	<b>64</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>*</b>
c. Waiving the penalty for late enrollment for a few years to give seniors a chance to learn more about the new drug benefit before they decide whether or not to enroll	<b>61</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>--</b>
d. Allowing seniors the choice of obtaining their prescription drug plan directly from Medicare – instead of from a private insurance company	<b>51</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>*</b>
e. Spending more federal money to get rid of the existing coverage gap – or doughnut hole –so that seniors will not have a period where they are responsible for paying the full cost of their medicines	<b>49</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>--</b>
f. Cutting the program back because it's costing the federal government too much money	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>*</b>
g. Keeping the program exactly as it is	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>*</b>



Based on one half of total respondents (items a, b, c, g); n = 349

Based on one half of total respondents (items d, e, f); n = 369

	<b>65+</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	Refused
a. Simplifying the new drug benefit by reducing the number of available plans seniors have to choose from	<b>44</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	--	
b. Allowing the federal government to use its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price for Medicare prescription drugs	<b>67</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	
c. Waiving the penalty for late enrollment for a few years to give seniors a chance to learn more about the new drug benefit before they decide whether or not to enroll	<b>58</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	--	
d. Allowing seniors the choice of obtaining their prescription drug plan directly from Medicare – instead of from a private insurance company	<b>45</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	
e. Spending more federal money to get rid of the existing coverage gap – or doughnut hole –so that seniors will not have a period where they are responsible for paying the full cost of their medicines	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	
f. Cutting the program back because it's costing the federal government too much money	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>	--	
g. Keeping the program exactly as it is	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	

\*\* Items read in random order.

24. Earlier you said you favor cutting the Medicare prescription drug benefit back to save money. Would you prefer doing this by making fewer seniors eligible for the benefit, by reducing the generosity of the benefit for all eligible seniors, or by doing some of both?

Based on total who favor cutting the Medicare prescription drug benefit back to save money

Total	Under 65	65+	
<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	Making fewer seniors eligible
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	Reducing the generosity benefit
<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	Both
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	Neither (Vol.)
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	Don't know
--	--	--	Refused
N=202	N=117	N=85	

23f/24. Combo Table

Total	Under 65	65+	
<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	Favor cutting Medicare Rx drug benefit back to save money (NET)
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	By making fewer seniors eligible
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	By reducing the generosity benefit
<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	By both making fewer seniors eligible and reducing the generosity of the benefit
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	By neither making fewer seniors eligible or reducing the generosity of the benefit
<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>65</b>	Oppose cutting the Medicare Rx drug benefit to save money
<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	Don't know
<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	--	Refused

25. I'm going to read you a list of things some people have said about allowing the federal government to use its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to try to get a lower price for prescription drugs for people on Medicare, and I'd like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of these statements.  
Some people say that allowing the federal government to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices (INSERT). Do you agree or disagree? \*\*

<b>Total</b>	Agree	Disagree	Don't know	Refused
a. Will lead to government price controls on prescription drugs	<b>60</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>*</b>
b. Will lead U.S. drug companies to do less research and development	<b>31</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>
c. Will make medicines more affordable for people on Medicare	<b>81</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>*</b>
d. Makes sense because the government already negotiates lower prices for members of the military and veterans	<b>80</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Under 65</b>				
	Agree	Disagree	Don't know	Refused
a. Will lead to government price controls on prescription drugs	<b>61</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>
b. Will lead U.S. drug companies to do less research and development	<b>31</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>
c. Will make medicines more affordable for people on Medicare	<b>82</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>*</b>
d. Makes sense because the government already negotiates lower prices for members of the military and veterans	<b>80</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>65+</b>				
	Agree	Disagree	Don't know	Refused
a. Will lead to government price controls on prescription drugs	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>*</b>
b. Will lead U.S. drug companies to do less research and development	<b>31</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
c. Will make medicines more affordable for people on Medicare	<b>78</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
d. Makes sense because the government already negotiates lower prices for members of the military and veterans	<b>79</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>*</b>

\*\* Items read in random order.

26. Do you think people on Medicare have too many, too few, or about the right amount of drug plans to choose from?

Based on total age 65+

**Total**

- 39** Too many
- 15** Too few
- 32** About the right amount
- 14** Don't know
- \*** Refused

N=718

27. Which statement better reflects your opinion: Medicare should offer seniors dozens of drug plans so individuals can select their own plan to meet their needs, OR Medicare should select a handful of drug plans that meet certain standards, to make it easier for seniors to pick among plans?

Based on total age 65+

**Total**

- 31** Medicare should offer seniors dozens of drug plans
- 60** Medicare should select a handful of drug plans
- 8** Don't know
- 1** Refused

N=718

28. Would you say there are important differences among the Medicare drug plans that are now available to seniors, or do you think the Medicare drug plans are all basically the same?

Based on total age 65+

**Total**

- 35** There are important differences
- 41** Medicare drug plans are all basically the same
- 24** Don't know
- \*** Refused

N=718

29. Over the past year, have you signed up or been enrolled in a plan that provides the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, sometimes called the "Part D" drug benefit, or not?

Based on total age 65+

**Total**

- 38** Yes, signed up or been enrolled
- 58** No, have not signed up or been enrolled
- 3** Don't know
- \*** Refused

N=718

30. Are you planning to stay in this same plan next year, are you planning to change plans for next year, or don't you know yet?

Based on total age 65+ who have signed up or are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan

**Total**  
**66** Planning to stay in the same plan  
**5** Planning to change  
**29** Don't know yet  
 -- Refused  
 N=275

31. For each, tell me whether it is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason why you're staying in the same plan: (First/Next) is (INSERT). Is that a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason why you're staying with your current plan?\*\*\*

Based on total age 65+ who have signed up or are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan and plan to stay in the plan

	<b>Total</b>	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	Don't know	Refused
a. You are satisfied with your current plan	<b>78</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
b. It is too much trouble to compare and choose among plans	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	
c. You didn't know you could switch to another drug plan at this time	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	

N=185

\*\* Items read in random order.

32. All in all, have your experiences using your plan been very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative?

Based on total age 65+ who have signed up or are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan

**Total**  
**46** Very positive  
**30** Somewhat positive  
**12** Somewhat negative  
**7** Very negative  
**5** Don't know  
 -- Refused  
 N=275

33. Have you tried to fill any prescriptions under your plan yet, or not?
34. [If yes:] Compared to what you paid for prescriptions last year, are you now saving money, paying more, or paying about the same overall for your prescriptions?
35. [If saving:] Would you say that you are saving a lot of money, or just a little?
36. [If paying more:] Would you say that you are paying a lot more money, or just a little more?

#### 34/35/36. Combo Table

Based on total age 65+ who have signed up or are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan and have filled a prescription under the plan

<b>Total</b>	
<b>52</b>	Saving money
<b>26</b>	Saving a lot
<b>24</b>	Saving a little
<b>14</b>	Paying more
<b>8</b>	Paying a lot more
<b>5</b>	Paying a little more
<b>31</b>	Paying about the same
<b>4</b>	Don't know
<b>--</b>	Refused
N=237	

#### 33/34/35/36. Combo Table

Based on total age 65+ who have signed up or are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan

<b>Total</b>	
<b>84</b>	Tried to fill a prescription under plan
<b>44</b>	Saving money compared to last year
<b>22</b>	Saving a lot
<b>20</b>	Saving a little
<b>12</b>	Paying money compared to last year
<b>7</b>	Paying a lot more
<b>4</b>	Paying a little more
<b>26</b>	Paying about the same amount as last year
<b>16</b>	Have not tried to fill a prescription under plan
<b>--</b>	Don't know
<b>--</b>	Refused
N=275	

\*\* Questions 37/38 were rotated with Q39/40

37. Some people say they've experienced administrative problems with their Medicare drug plan, such as problems getting enrollment cards, problems with premium payments, or billing mistakes? Have you had this type of administrative problems with your Medicare plan, or not?
38. [If had problem:] Would you say it was a major or a minor problem?

37/38. Administrative Problems Combination Table

Based on total age 65+ who have signed up or are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan

<b>Total</b>	
<b>12</b>	Have had administrative problems (NET)
<b>6</b>	Major problem
<b>6</b>	Minor problem
<b>88</b>	Have not had administrative problems
<b>*</b>	Don't know
<b>--</b>	Refused

N=275

39. Some people say they've had problems getting their prescription drugs under their Medicare drug plan either because a drug was not covered by their plan or they could not afford the cost of their medication under their plan. Have you had any problems getting your prescription medicines with your Medicare plan, or not?
40. [If had problem:] Would you say it was a major or a minor problem?

39/40. Problem Getting Meds Combination Table

Based on total age 65+ who have signed up or are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan

<b>Total</b>	
<b>12</b>	Have had problems getting medications (NET)
<b>6</b>	Major problem
<b>6</b>	Minor problem
<b>87</b>	Have not had problems getting medications
<b>1</b>	Don't know
<b>--</b>	Refused

N=275

41. Are you currently getting all your prescription drugs from your Medicare drug plan, or are you getting some in other ways?

Based on total age 65+ who have signed up or are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan

**Total**

**78** Getting all from Medicare drug plan

**19** Getting some other ways

**3** Don't know

**\*** Refused

N=275

42. Is that getting drugs from a discount warehouse like Wal-Mart or Costco, using free samples from a doctor or clinic, using patient assistance programs, ordering drugs from Canada, or something else?

Based on total age 65+ who have signed up or are enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan but are not getting all of their drugs from their plan

N=58 Insufficient data to report

43. 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/Next) would you favor or oppose (INSERT)? (to keep the Medicare program financially sound in the future)?

GET ANSWER THEN ASK: Is that strongly or just somewhat?\*\*\*

Based on one half of total respondents (items b, c, e, f); n = 932

Based on one half of total respondents (items a, d, g, h, i); n = 935

<b>Total</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	Refused
a. Requiring all seniors to pay a larger share of Medicare costs out of their own pocket	4	5	17	73	2	*
b. Requiring higher income seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums	27	22	17	30	4	*
c. Reducing payments to doctors and hospitals for treating people covered by Medicare	30	17	17	30	6	1
d. Reducing Medicare payments to HMOs and other private insurers	22	22	21	24	10	*
e. Increasing the payroll taxes workers and employers now pay to help fund the Medicare program	15	23	17	42	3	*
f. Gradually raising the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67 for future retirees	14	14	13	57	1	*
g. Rolling back some tax cuts and using the money to help keep the Medicare program financially sound	45	29	9	14	4	*
h. Cutting back the Medicare drug benefit to save money	6	8	21	63	3	*
i. Turning Medicare into a program that ONLY serves low-income seniors instead of serving all seniors	13	11	15	58	2	*

Based on one half of total respondents (items b, c, e, f); n = 572

Based on one half of total respondents (items a, d, g, h, i); n = 575

<b>Under 65</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	Refused
a. Requiring all seniors to pay a larger share of Medicare costs out of their own pocket	4	5	17	73	1	*
b. Requiring higher income seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums	26	22	18	30	4	*
c. Reducing payments to doctors and hospitals for treating people covered by Medicare	31	16	18	29	6	*
d. Reducing Medicare payments to HMOs and other private insurers	22	24	22	23	8	*
e. Increasing the payroll taxes workers and employers now pay to help fund the Medicare program	15	23	17	43	2	*
f. Gradually raising the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67 for future retirees	14	13	13	59	1	*
g. Rolling back some tax cuts and using the money to help keep the Medicare program financially sound	43	31	9	14	3	*
h. Cutting back the Medicare drug benefit to save money	6	8	22	62	3	--
i. Turning Medicare into a program that ONLY serves low-income seniors instead of serving all seniors	13	11	15	58	2	*



Based on one half of total respondents (items b, c, e, f); n = 359

Based on one half of total respondents (items a, d, g, h, i); n = 359

	<b>65+</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	Refused
a. Requiring all seniors to pay a larger share of Medicare costs out of their own pocket		<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3</b>	--
b. Requiring higher income seniors to pay higher Medicare premiums		<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
c. Reducing payments to doctors and hospitals for treating people covered by Medicare		<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
d. Reducing Medicare payments to HMOs and other private insurers		<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	--
e. Increasing the payroll taxes workers and employers now pay to help fund the Medicare program		<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8</b>	*
f. Gradually raising the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67 for future retirees		<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4</b>	*
g. Rolling back some tax cuts and using the money to help keep the Medicare program financially sound		<b>52</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	*
h. Cutting back the Medicare drug benefit to save money		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
i. Turning Medicare into a program that ONLY serves low-income seniors instead of serving all seniors		<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

\*\* Items read in random order.

44. In order to help reduce the federal budget deficit, would you favor or oppose slowing the rate of growth in Medicare spending?

Based on one half of total respondents

Total	Under 65	65+	
<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	Favor
<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	Oppose
<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	Don't know
*	*	*	Refused
N=929	N=573	N=356	

45. In order to help reduce the federal budget deficit, would you favor or oppose cutting Medicare spending?

Based on one half of total respondents

Total	Under 65	65+	
<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	Favor
<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	Oppose
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	Don't know
*	*	<b>1</b>	Refused
N=938	N=574	N=362	

46. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose the federal government doing more to help provide health insurance for more Americans?

**Total**

- 85** Yes, favor doing more
- 14** No, oppose
- 1** Don't know
- \*** Refused

47. Which would you prefer as a general approach to covering more uninsured Americans: expanding existing government programs like Medicare and Medicaid, providing tax credits or other forms of assistance from the government to help people purchase private health plans, OR requiring employers to cover all their full time workers?

Based on total who would favor the federal government doing more to help provide health insurance for more Americans

**Total**

- 29** Expanding existing government programs
- 23** Providing tax credits
- 42** Requiring employers to cover all their full time workers
- 2** All of these (Vol.)
- 1** None of these (Vol.)
- 3** Don't know
- \*** Refused

N=1515

46/47. Combo Table

**Total**

- 85** Favor the federal government doing more (NET)
- 25** Should expand existing government programs
- 19** Should provide tax credits
- 35** Should require employers to cover all their full time workers
- 2** Should do all of these
- 1** Should do something, but none of these
- 14** Oppose the federal government doing more
- 1** Don't know
- \*** Refused

48. If Congress doesn't think we can afford to guarantee health insurance for everyone, which one of the following groups do you think we should try to provide with health insurance coverage first? Is it children, working people who are currently uninsured, or low income people?

Based on total who would favor the federal government doing more to help provide health insurance for more Americans

<b>Total</b>	
<b>57</b>	Children
<b>19</b>	Working people who are currently uninsured
<b>21</b>	Low income people
<b>3</b>	Don't know
<b>1</b>	Refused
N=1515	

46/48. Combo Table

<b>Total</b>	
<b>85</b>	Favor the federal government doing more (NET)
<b>48</b>	Help children first
<b>16</b>	Help working people who are currently uninsured first
<b>18</b>	Help low income people first
<b>14</b>	Oppose the federal government doing more
<b>1</b>	Don't know
<b>*</b>	Refused

49. Compared to other goods and services you purchase, how reasonable or unreasonable do you think the prices of the following items are?  
How about (INSERT)? Do you think the prices are reasonable or unreasonable? \*\*

	<b>Total</b>			Don't know	Refused
		Reasonable	Unreasonable		
a. Hospital charges	<b>10</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>*</b>	
b. Physician fees	<b>35</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>*</b>	
c. Health insurance premiums	<b>24</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>	
d. Nursing home charges	<b>17</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>*</b>	
e. Brand name prescription drugs	<b>13</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>*</b>	
f. Generic prescription drugs	<b>76</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>*</b>	

\*\* Items read in random order.

50. Do you think Congress should try to do something about the items you think are unreasonably priced, or is that NOT something Congress should do?

Based on total who say any prices are unreasonable = 97 percent of full sample.

<b>Total</b>	
<b>77</b>	Yes
<b>21</b>	No
<b>2</b>	Don't know
<b>*</b>	Refused
N=1787	

51. A number of health experts think that there are two different approaches Congress could take to help lower the cost of health care.  
The (first/second) involves the government trying to solve the problem by dealing directly with doctors, hospitals, and insurance companies and establishing limits on what they can charge.  
The (second/first) involves the government giving consumers tax incentives to buy high deductible health plans to encourage them to shop for lower-priced health care based on cost and quality information.  
Which approach do you prefer Congress to follow (ROTATE IN SAME ORDER)?

**Total**

- 59** Government dealing directly with doctors, hospitals, and insurance companies
- 34** Government encouraging consumers to shop for lower-priced health care
- 2** Both (Vol.)
- 3** Neither (Vol.)
- 3** Don't know
- \*** Refused

READ: I'm going to read you two ways that health experts have proposed trying to slow the growth of health insurance premiums. For each proposal, tell me if you would favor or oppose it. *[Q52 and Q53 were rotated.]*

52. The (first/second) proposal would require health plans to seek approval from a state commission before they could raise premiums. They would have to explain the reasons for raising premiums, including providing detailed financial information that would be publicly available to policyholders, employers, and state legislators. Would you favor or oppose this?

**Total**

- 82** Favor
- 16** Oppose
- 2** Don't know
- \*** Refused

53. The (first/second) proposal would establish a new independent federal scientific body which would decide whether approved new medical technology and drugs should be covered by insurance, based on whether they are proven to be more effective than existing, less expensive treatments? Would you favor or oppose this?

**Total**

- 61** Favor
- 33** Oppose
- 6** Don't know
- \*** Refused

## DEMOGRAPHICS

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

**Total**

**26** Republican  
**35** Democrat  
**24** Independent  
**10** Something else  
**3** Don't know  
**1** Refused

55. Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

Based on total who are independent

**Total**

**33** Republican  
**50** Democrat  
**15** Don't know  
**3** Refused  
N=481

### Leaned Party Table

**Total**

**34** Republican  
**47** Democrat  
**4** Independent  
**10** Something else  
**3** Don't know  
**1** Refused

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

**Total**

**20** Liberal  
**42** Moderate  
**34** Conservative  
**2** Don't know  
**1** Refused

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

**Total**

**52** Married  
**7** Living with a partner  
**2** Separated  
**9** Divorced  
**8** Widowed  
**20** Never been married  
**\*** Don't know  
**1** Refused

58. 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 PLAN NAME)?

**Total**

- 82** Yes, insured
- 17** No, not insured
- \* Don't know
- \* Refused

59. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it...?

Based on those who are insured

**Total**

- 62** A plan through your (or your spouse's) employer or union
- 9** A plan you purchased yourself
- 17** Medicare, the program that provides health insurance primarily to people age 65 and older
- 5** Medicaid (Plan), the program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income families
- 5** Some other government program
- 1** Don't know/refused

N=1716

- 58/59. Combo Table

**Total**

- 82** Insured (NET)
- 51** A plan through your (or your spouse's) employer or union
- 7** A plan you purchased yourself
- 14** Medicare, the program that provides health insurance primarily to people age 65 and older
- 4** Medicaid (Plan), the program that provides health insurance and long term care to certain low-income families
- 4** Some other government program
- 17** Not insured
- \* Don't know
- \* Refused

60. Do you currently take any prescription medicine on a daily basis, or not?

**Total**

- 53** Yes
- 46** No
- \* Don't know
- 1** Refused

61. How many different prescription drugs do you take?

Based on total who take Rx drugs on a daily basis

**Total**  
**26** 1  
**22** 2  
**16** 3  
**11** 4  
**9** 5  
**15** 6+  
\* Don't know  
**1** Refused  
N=1220

60/61. Combo Table

**Total**  
**53** Take Rx drugs on a daily basis (NET)  
**14** 1  
**12** 2  
**8** 3  
**6** 4  
**5** 5  
**8** 6-10  
**46** Do not take Rx drugs on a daily basis  
\* Don't know  
**1** Refused

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

**Total**  
**20** Excellent  
**30** Very good  
**32** Good  
**13** Fair  
**5** Poor  
\* Don't know  
\* Refused

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

**Total**  
**26** One  
**55** Two  
**13** Three  
**4** Four  
**1** Five +  
\* Don't know  
\* Refused

65. What is your religious preference? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, some other religion or no religion?

**Total**

**34** Protestant  
**24** Roman Catholic  
**2** Jewish  
**22** Some other religion  
**15** No religion  
**\*** Don't know  
**2** Refused

66. Do you consider yourself a Christian or not?

Based on total who are some other religion

**Total**

**82** Yes  
**17** No  
**--** Don't know  
**\*** Refused  
N=291

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

Based on total who are Christians

**Total**

**43** Yes  
**54** No  
**3** Don't know  
**\*** Refused  
N=1482

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

**Total**

**47** High school graduate or less (NET)  
**4** None, or grade 1-8  
**12** High school incomplete  
**31** High school graduate  
**27** Some college or more (NET)  
**3** Business, technical/vocational school  
**24** Some college, no 4-year degree  
**25** College graduate + (NET)  
**15** College graduate  
**10** Post-graduate training  
**--** Don't know/No Opinion  
**1** NA/Refused



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

**Total**

**13** Yes  
**86** No  
\* Don't know  
**1** Refused

72. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

**Total**

**76** White  
**12** Black  
**1** Asian  
**9** Some other race  
\* Don't know  
**2** Refused

Race Summary Table

**Total**

**69** White non-Hispanic  
**11** Black non-Hispanic  
**1** Asian  
**5** Some other race  
**13** Hispanic (NET)  
**7** White Hispanic  
\* Black Hispanic  
**5** Hispanic Unspecified  
-- Don't know  
**1** Refused

73. 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.

**Total**

**16** Less than \$20K  
**13** \$20K but less than \$30K  
**12** \$30K but less than \$40K  
**10** \$40K but less than \$50K  
**8** \$50K but less than \$60K  
**7** \$60K but less than \$75K  
**10** \$75K but less than \$100K  
**11** \$100K or more  
**4** Don't know  
**8** Refused

74. INTERVIEWER -- What language was this interview conducted in?

**Total**

**5** Predominantly Spanish (NET)  
**5** All Spanish  
**\*** Mostly Spanish  
**--** Part Spanish/Part English  
**95** Predominantly English (NET)  
**1** Mostly English  
**94** All English  
**--** Don't know  
**--** Refused

Region Table

**Total**

**19** Northeast  
**22** North Central  
**36** South  
**23** West

Metro Status Table

**Total**

**30** Suburban  
**44** Urban  
**26** Rural



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