Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008

## 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 Elizabeth Hamel and Carolina Gutiérrez. The survey was conducted June 3 through June 8, 2008, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,206 adults ages 18 and older, including 1,066 adults who say they are registered to vote. Of these registered voters, there are 311 self-identified Republicans, 404 self-identified Democrats, and 277 self-identified independents. Telephone interviews were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points, and for registered voters it is plus or minus 4 percentage points; for registered voters who selfidentify as Democrats it is plus or minus 6 percentage points, and for those who selfidentify as Republicans and independents it is plus or minus 7 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 about the campaign for the presidential election in 2008, what two issues would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about? IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONE ISSUE
PROBE FOR SECOND: Is there another issue you'd like to hear about? (OPEN-END)

|  | Total | Rep | Dem | Ind |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | RVs | RVs | RVs | RVs |  |
| 47 | 47 | 42 | 50 | 49 | Economic issues (Net) |
| 33 | 34 | 32 | 33 | 41 | Economy (general) |
| 7 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 2 | Jobs |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | Poverty/homelessness |
| 8 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 4 | Other economy mentions |
| 38 | 40 | 35 | 46 | 40 | Iraq/War in Iraq |
| 24 | 25 | 30 | 22 | 22 | Gas prices/Energy (Net) |
| 22 | 22 | 28 | 20 | 18 | Gas prices |
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | Energy issues |
| 21 | 22 | 14 | 28 | 21 | Health care (Net) |
| 14 | 14 | 8 | 18 | 16 | Health care (general) |
| 4 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | The uninsured/access to health care/universal coverage |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | Health care costs |
| 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | Medicare/Elderly |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Other health care mentions |
| 8 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 8 | Immigration/illegal immigration |
| 6 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 9 | Terrorism/National security (Net) |
| 5 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 9 | National security |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | Terrorism/war on terror |
| * | * | * | * | -- | Other terrorism/national security mentions |
| 5 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 4 | Taxes |
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | * | Education/schools |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | Frustration with government/Corruption (Net) |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | Campaigns/elections |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | * | -- | Government ethics/scandals/corruption |
| * | * | 1 | -- | -- | Partisan politics/Party bickering |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | Other frustration with government mentions |
| 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | Environmental issues/pollution/global warming |
| 3 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | Morality issues (Net) |
| 1 | 1 | 4 | -- | * | Abortion |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Same sex marriage/gay marriage |
| * | * | 1 | -- | * | Moral issues (general) |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | * | * | Other mentions moral issues, values issues |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 6 | Foreign affairs/not Iraq (Net) |
| * | * | * | * | 1 | Middle East |
| * | * | * | * | -- | Iran |
| 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | Other foreign affairs mentions |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | Social Security |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Crime/violence |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | -- | 4 | Budget deficit/national debt |
| * | * | * | 1 | * | Seniors/retirement issues (not Medicare/health care) |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | Other |
| * | * | 1 | -- | -- | Nothing |
| 9 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 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 would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about? (READ AND RANDOMIZE, ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE ONLY)

|  | Total | Rep | Dem | Ind |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | RVs | RVs | RVs | RVS |  |
| 50 | 51 | 51 | 54 | 47 | Making health care and health insurance more affordable |
| 24 | 22 | 11 | 31 | 22 | Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured |
| 9 | 10 | 13 | 7 | 8 | Improving the quality of care and reducing medical errors |
| 6 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 10 | Reducing the total amount the country spends on health care |
| 5 | 4 | 8 | * | 4 | Reducing spending on government health programs like Medicare and Medicaid |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | None of these (VOL.) |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | Other issue (VOL.) |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused |

3. Thinking about all of 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. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER)

|  | Total <br> Total <br> 28 | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{28}$ | $\frac{\text { Rep }}{\text { Rep }}$ | Dem <br> RVs | Ind <br> RVS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 19 | 19 | 8 | 35 |  |  |
| 18 | 20 | 53 | 3 | 16 | Barack Obama |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | Other candidate |
| 1 | 1 | - | 1 | $*$ | Democratic candidate, non-specific |
| $*$ | $*$ | 1 | -- | $*$ | Republican candidate, non-specific |
| 9 | 9 | 12 | 5 | 14 | No candidate represents my views |
| 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 12 | Can't name a candidate |
| 11 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 12 | Don't know/Refused |

4. Thinking about how the issue of health care might affect your vote for president, would you ...

|  | Total | Rep | Dem | Ind |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | RVs | RVs | RVs | RVS |  |
| 11 | 10 | 8 | 14 | 7 | ONLY vote for a candidate who shares your views on health care (or) |
| 68 | 70 | 68 | 72 | 73 | Consider a candidate's position on health care as just one of many important factors (or) |
| 16 | 16 | 20 | 12 | 18 | Not see health care as a major issue in your vote (or) |
| 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused |

READ TO ALL: On a different subject...
5. As a result of recent changes in the economy, have you or your family experienced any of the following problems, or not? First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)? IF YES ASK: Was this a serious problem, or not? Next, (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? IF YES ASK: Was this a serious problem, or not? (As a result of recent changes in the economy, have you or your family experienced this problem, or not?)

|  |  | Yes, serious problem | Yes, not a serious problem | Not a problem | DK/Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Problems paying for health care and health insurance |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total: | 25 | 12 | 63 | * |
|  | Total RVs: | 23 | 12 | 64 | * |
|  | Republican RVs: | 16 | 9 | 74 | * |
|  | Democratic RVs: | 29 | 14 | 56 | * |
|  | Independent RVs: | 19 | 13 | 68 | -- |
| b. Problems paying for gas |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total: | 43 | 19 | 38 | * |
|  | Total RVs: | 42 | 19 | 40 | * |
|  | Republican RVs: | 32 | 21 | 47 | * |
|  | Democratic RVs: | 46 | 18 | 36 | * |
|  | Independent RVs: | 44 | 16 | 41 | -- |
| c. Problems getting a good-paying job or a raise in pay |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total: | 27 | 11 | 61 | 1 |
|  | Total RVs: | 25 | 10 | 64 | 1 |
|  | Republican RVs: | 15 | 10 | 74 | * |
|  | Democratic RVs: | 30 | 10 | 59 | 1 |
|  | Independent RVs: | 23 | 13 | 63 | 1 |
| d. Problems paying your rent or mortgage |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total: | 14 | 8 | 77 | * |
|  | Total RVs: | 13 | 8 | 79 | * |
|  | Republican RVs: | 4 | 6 | 89 | 1 |
|  | Democratic RVs: | 18 | 7 | 75 | -- |
|  | Independent RVs: | 14 | 8 | 77 | * |
| e. Losing money in the stock market |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total: | 15 | 18 | 67 | 1 |
|  | Total RVs: | 15 | 20 | 64 | 1 |
|  | Republican RVs: | 14 | 24 | 61 | 1 |
|  | Democratic RVs: | 13 | 15 | 71 | 1 |
|  | Independent RVs: | 16 | 26 | 58 | * |

## Q. 5 continued

5. There has been a lot of news lately about problems with the economy. As a result of recent changes in the economy, have you and your family experienced any of the following problems, or not? (First/Next,) what about... (READ AND RANDOMIZE)? IF YES: Was this a serious problem, or not?

| Yes, <br> serious <br> problem | Yes, not <br> a serious <br> problem | Not a <br> problem | $\underline{\text { DK/Ref. }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

f. Problems with credit card debt or other personal debt

| Total: | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 3}$ | $*$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total RVs: | 15 | 11 | 74 | $*$ |
| Republican RVs: | 9 | 8 | 82 | 1 |
| Democratic RVs: | 18 | 12 | 69 | $*$ |
| Independent RVs: | 14 | 10 | 76 | $*$ |
| Total: | $\mathbf{1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{6 7}$ | $*$ |
| Total RVs: | 17 | 14 | 69 | $*$ |
| Republican RVs: | 9 | 9 | 81 | 1 |
| Democratic RVs: | 23 | 14 | 62 | $*$ |
| Independent RVs: | 14 | 18 | 67 | -- |

Total serious problem to any of these: $59 \%$

READ TO ALL: Thinking again about issues in the presidential campaign...
6. The presidential candidates have proposed different approaches to improving the health care system in the U.S. Which of the following comes closest to your view? (READ AND ROTATE)

| $\frac{\text { Total }}{56}$ | Total <br> 56 | Rep <br> RVs | Dem <br> RVs | Ind <br> 71 | $\frac{\text { RVS }}{53}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | | The main goal of these efforts should be to make sure |
| :--- |
| 40 |

7. When thinking about rising health care costs, which ONE of the following concerns you most...
(READ AND RANDOMIZE)?
$\left.\begin{array}{cccccl}\frac{\text { Total }}{46} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Total } \\ 47\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Rep } \\ 48\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Dem } \\ \text { RVs }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Ind } \\ 54\end{array} & \frac{\text { RVS }}{37}\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Increases in the amount people pay for their health } \\ \text { insurance premiums and other out-of-pocket costs (or) }\end{array}\right\}$
8. 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 | Rep | Dem | Ind |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | RVs | RVs | RVs | RVS |  |
| 63 | 62 | 46 | 71 | 63 | A lot |
| 22 | 21 | 27 | 19 | 20 | A little |
| 12 | 13 | 21 | 7 | 15 | Mostly beyond their control |
| 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused |

9. Next, please tell me how much each of the following would do to lower health care costs for people like you. First, how much would (READ AND RANDOMIZE) do to lower health care costs for people like you - a lot, some, not too much, or nothing at all? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (Would this do a lot, some, not too much, or nothing at all to lower health care costs for people like you?) IF RESPONDENT NEEDS CLARIFICATION READ: "Thinking about the total costs that you pay for health care and insurance..."

|  | A lot | Some | Not too much | Nothing at all ${ }^{1}$ | DK <br> Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Reducing the number and size of jury awards in medical malpractice lawsuits |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total: | 45 | 25 | 12 | 11 | 6 |
| Total RVs: | 45 | 26 | 13 | 11 | 5 |
| Republican RVs: | 55 | 24 | 11 | 5 | 4 |
| Democratic RVs: | 38 | 28 | 15 | 13 | 6 |
| Independent RVs: | 45 | 27 | 12 | 12 | 4 |
| b. Moving to a system where more of our health care records are electronic, rather than on paper |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total: | 29 | 31 | 16 | 15 | 9 |
| Total RVs: | 30 | 31 | 16 | 15 | 8 |
| Republican RVs: | 30 | 28 | 19 | 13 | 9 |
| Democratic RVs: | 29 | 34 | 14 | 14 | 9 |
| Independent RVs: | 33 | 27 | 19 | 16 | 5 |
| c. Promoting competition between insurance companies |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total: | 36 | 31 | 12 | 15 | 6 |
| Total RVs: | 36 | 30 | 13 | 15 | 5 |
| Republican RVs: | 41 | 28 | 13 | 13 | 4 |
| Democratic RVs: | 33 | 27 | 15 | 20 | 5 |
| Independent RVs: | 40 | 34 | 11 | 9 | 6 |
| d. Giving tax credits to individuals to help them purchase insurance on their own |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total: | 32 | 32 | 12 | 18 | 6 |
| Total RVs: | 30 | 33 | 13 | 19 | 5 |
| Republican RVs: | 31 | 34 | 11 | 17 | 6 |
| Democratic RVs: | 30 | 33 | 13 | 19 | 5 |
| Independent RVs: | 29 | 32 | 14 | 21 | 4 |

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1 Includes volunteered response Increase costs.
9. Next, please tell me how much each of the following would do to lower health care costs for people like you. First, how much would (READ AND RANDOMIZE) do to lower health care costs for people like you - a lot, some, not too much, or nothing at all? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (Would this do a lot, some, not too much, or nothing at all to lower health care costs for people like you?) IF RESPONDENT NEEDS CLARIFICATION READ: "Thinking about the total costs that you pay for health care and insurance..."

|  | A lot | Some | Not too much | Nothing at all | DK/ <br> Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| e. Reducing fraud and waste in the health care system |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total: | 65 | 21 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| Total RVs: | 66 | 22 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| Republican RVs: | 64 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Democratic RVs: | 63 | 24 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Independent RVs: | 73 | 18 | 5 | 2 | 1 |

f. Requiring insurance companies to cut back on their administrative costs

| Total: | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total RVs: | 43 | 33 | 9 | 8 | 6 |
| Republican RVs: | 40 | 34 | 10 | 9 | 7 |
| Democratic RVs: | 46 | 33 | 8 | 7 | 5 |
| Independent RVs: | 43 | 33 | 8 | 8 | 7 |

g. Moving to a system where everyone is covered by health insurance

| Total: | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total RVs: | 40 | 20 | 12 | 20 | 8 |
| Republican RVs: | 25 | 18 | 15 | 32 | 10 |
| Democratic RVs: | 53 | 22 | 10 | 9 | 6 |
| Independent RVs: | 36 | 18 | 13 | 24 | 8 |

h. Reducing the amount of unnecessary
medical care people get

| Total: | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total RVs: | 41 | 30 | 14 | 8 | 7 |
| Republican RVs: | 46 | 28 | 14 | 7 | 5 |
| Democratic RVs: | 36 | 28 | 17 | 10 | 9 |
| Independent RVs: | 42 | 35 | 10 | 7 | 7 |

i. Promoting healthier lifestyles and preventive medical care

| Total: | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total RVs: | 53 | 28 | 10 | 7 | 2 |
| Republican RVs: | 53 | 25 | 14 | 6 | 2 |
| Democratic RVs: | 55 | 26 | 11 | 6 | 3 |
| Independent RVs: | 49 | 31 | 8 | 11 | 1 |

10. When thinking about health insurance coverage in this country, which of the following comes closer to your view? (READ AND ROTATE)

| $\frac{\text { Total }}{60}$ | Total <br> RVs | Rep <br> 59 | Dem <br> 39 | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{74}$ | $\frac{\text { RVS }}{57}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | | We need to get everyone into the same insurance pool, so we |
| :--- |
| can spread the costs of sick and healthy people over the whole |

11. For each specific item I name, please tell me whether you are very satisfied with it, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied. First, (READ AND RANDOMIZE).
How about (NEXT ITEM)? (Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with (INSERT ITEM)?
a. The quality of the health care you receive

| Very <br> satisfied | Somewhat <br> satisfied | Somewhat <br> dissatisfied | Very <br> dissatisfied | DK/ <br> Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Total RVs
Republican RVs
Democratic RVs:
Independent RVs:
34
7
7
1
34
33
35
35
6
6
1

50
b. Your health care costs, including both expenses not covered by insurance, and the cost of your insurance, if any

| Total: | $\mathbf{2 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total RVs: | 22 | 41 | 21 | 14 | 2 |
| Republican RVs: | 27 | 41 | 18 | 12 | 1 |
| Democratic RVs: | 20 | 39 | 25 | 14 | 2 |
| Independent RVs: | 21 | 44 | 18 | 14 | 3 |

c. Your ability to get the latest, most sophisticated medical treatments

| Total: | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Total RVs: | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | 37 | 9 | 8 | 4 |
| Republican RVs: | 47 | 35 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| Democratic RVs: | 43 | 37 | 10 | 7 | 3 |
| Independent RVs: | 42 | 40 | 6 | 8 | 4 |

D7. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never married?

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
|  | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{}$ |  |
| 59 | 60 | Married |
| 6 | 5 | Living with a partner |
| 9 | 9 | Divorced |
| 2 | 2 | Separated |
| 7 | 7 | Widowed |
| 16 | 16 | Never been married |
| 1 | 1 | Undesignated |

D17. 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?

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Total | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{9}$ |  |
| 9 | 10 | Self-employed |
| 39 | 40 | Full-time for an employer |
| 9 | 8 | Part-time for an employer |
| 21 | 22 | Retired |
| 11 | 10 | Not employed |
| 3 | 2 | (VOL.) Homemaker |
| 2 | 2 | (VOL.) Student |
| 4 | 4 | (VOL.) Disabled |
| 2 | 2 | (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)

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Total | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{89}$ |  |
| 86 | 89 | Yes, insured |
| 14 | 11 | No, not insured |
| $*$ | $*$ | Don't know/Refused |

D9. Which type of health insurance do you now have? Is it a plan through your employer, 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

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{\text { Total }}{40}$ | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{41}$ |  |
| 18 | 18 | A plan through your employer |
| 9 | 9 | A plan yough yurchased yourself |
| 19 | 18 | Medicare |
| 3 | 3 | Medicaid |
| 6 | 6 | Some other government program |
| 5 | 4 | Get insurance from somewhere else |
| 1 | 1 | (DO NOT READ) Don't know |
| 1 | $*$ | (DO NOT READ) Refused |
| $(n=1,096)$ | $(n=988)$ |  |

D10. How would you rate your overall health insurance coverage - excellent, good, not so good or poor?
Based on those who are insured

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $\underline{\text { RVs }}$ |  |
| 32 | 32 | Excellent |
| 55 | 56 | Good |
| 8 | 8 | Not so good |
| 3 | 3 | Poor |
| 1 | 1 | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/No opinion |
| , | * | (DO NOT READ) Refused |
| $(n=1,096)$ | ( $n=988$ ) |  |

12. Assuming the cost to you was about the same, would you prefer to get health insurance through your/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

|  | Total | Rep | Dem | Ind |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | RVs | RVs | RVs | RVS |  |
| 39 | 39 | 46 | 37 | 36 | Get health insurance through employer/spouse's employer at work |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 13 | 15 | Buy health insurance on your own |
| 43 | 43 | 36 | 48 | 47 | Doesn't make much difference to you |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | (DO NOT READ) Don't know |
| * | * | -- | -- | * | (DO NOT READ) Refused |
| ( $n=575$ ) | ( $n=531$ ) | ( $n=166$ ) | ( $n=177$ ) | ( $n=146$ ) |  |

13. 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 (INSERT NEXT ITEM)? (Do you think purchasing your own coverage would make it EASIER or HARDER for you to (INSERT ITEM), or wouldn't it make much difference?)

## Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

Easier Harder No difference DK/Ref.
a. Get a good price for health insurance
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Total (n=575): } & 7 & 80 & 9 & 4\end{array}$
Total RVs ( $n=531$ ): 6681
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Republican RVs ( } n=166 \text { ): } & 3 & 84 & 7 & 6\end{array}$
Democratic RVs ( $n=177$ ): 6484
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Independent RVs }(n=146): & 6 & 79 & 12\end{array}$
b. Find or keep health insurance if you are sick
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Total (n=575): } & 4 & 80 & 12 & 4\end{array}$
Total RVs ( $n=531$ ): $4080 \begin{array}{llll}4 & 42 & 4\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Republican RVs ( } n=166 \text { ): } & 3 & 78 & 13 & 6\end{array}$
Democratic RVs ( $n=177$ ): $\begin{array}{lllll}6 & 79 & 13 & 2\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Independent RVs }(n=146): & 2 & 84 & 10 & 4\end{array}$
c. Handle administrative issues, such as filing a claim or signing up for a policy

| Total ( $\boldsymbol{n}=575$ ): | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{6 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Total RVs $(n=531):$ | 6 | 64 | 26 | 4 |
| Republican RVs $(n=166):$ | 6 | 65 | 28 | 2 |
| Democratic RVs ( $n=177)$ : | 8 | 62 | 26 | 4 |
| Independent RVs $(n=146):$ | 4 | 67 | 25 | 4 |
| Thes your needs well |  |  |  |  |
| Total ( $\boldsymbol{n}=575)$ : | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{6 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Total RVs $(n=531):$ | 15 | 63 | 19 | 4 |
| Republican RVs $(n=166):$ | 12 | 60 | 21 | 7 |
| Democratic RVs $(n=177):$ | 19 | 65 | 15 | 2 |
| Independent RVs $(n=146):$ | 15 | 62 | 21 | 2 |

## 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

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Total | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{}$ |  |
| 48 | 46 | Male |
| 52 | 54 | Female |

D2. What is your age? (RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.)
Total
Total RVs
$19 \quad 16 \quad 18-29$
$35 \quad 35 \quad 30-49$
$25 \quad 28 \quad 50-64$
$17 \quad 18 \quad 65$ and older
$4 \quad 4 \quad$ Don't know/Refused

D3. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{\text { Total }}{22}$ | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{24}$ | Excellent |
| 33 | 33 | Very good |
| 30 | 30 | Good |
| 11 | 10 | Only fair |
| 3 | 3 | Poor |
| 1 | 1 | Don't know/Refused |

D4a. Do you have a disability, handicap or chronic disease that keeps you from participating fully in work, housework, school or other activities?

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Total | RVs <br> 19 | 19 | Yes $\quad$| 80 | 80 | No |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $*$ | $*$ | Don't know |
| 1 | $*$ | Refused |

D4b. 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 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Total |  |  |
|  | RVs |  |
| 86 | 86 | Yes |
| $*$ | $*$ | No |
| * | $*$ | Don't know |
| 1 | $*$ | Refused |

D5a. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/ Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{\text { Total }}{24}$ | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{27}$ |  |
| 40 | 42 | Republican |
| 24 | 23 | Democrat |
| 5 | 4 | Or what? |
| 3 | 2 | Don't know |
| 3 | 2 | Refused |

D5a. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/ Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

D5b. Do you lean more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]?

Total
Total RVs
$35 \quad 37$ Republican/Lean Republican
5252 Democrat/Lean Democratic
$13 \quad 11$ Refused to Lean

D6. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

83 Yes
16 No
1 Don’t know/Refused

D11. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{\text { Total }}{21}$ | $\frac{R V s}{21}$ | Liberal |
| 40 | 41 | Moderate |
| 32 | 33 | Conservative |
| 5 | 4 | Don’t know |
| 2 | 2 | Refused |

D12. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Total  <br> 3 $\frac{\text { RVs }}{2}$ | None, or grade 1-8 <br> 9 | 7 | | High school incomplete (grades 9-11) |
| :--- |
| 32 |

D13. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?
Total

| $\frac{\text { Total }}{36}$ | $\frac{\text { RVs }}{34}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 63 | 66 | Yes |
| 1 | $*$ | Don't know/Refused |

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

D15. 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?

|  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Total | RVs |  |
| 71 | 75 | White, Non Hispanic |
| 27 | 22 | Total Non-White |
| 11 | 12 | Black or African-American |
| 11 | 8 | Hispanic |
| 2 | 1 | Asian |
| 3 | 2 | Other or mixed race |
| 3 | 2 | Don't know/Refused |

D16. 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)

| Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | RVs |  |
| 15 | 12 | Less than \$20,000 |
| 9 | 10 | \$20,000 to less than \$30,000 |
| 17 | 18 | \$30,000 to less than \$50,000 |
| 16 | 17 | \$50,000 to less than \$75,000 |
| 11 | 12 | \$75,000 to less than \$100,000 |
| 15 | 17 | \$100,000 or more |
| 5 | 3 | (DO NOT READ) Don't know |
| 11 | 11 | (DO NOT READ) Refused |

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