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Health Care and the Economy in Two Swing States: A Look at Ohio and Florida

<u>Methodology</u>

The NPR/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard School of Public Health surveys, *Health Care and Economy in Two Swing States: A Look at Ohio and Florida*, are part of a series of projects about health-related issues by NPR (National Public Radio), the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and the Harvard School of Public Health. Representatives of the three organizations worked together to develop the survey questionnaires and to analyze the results, with NPR maintaining sole editorial control over its broadcasts on the surveys. The survey research team included Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., and Liz Hamel from the Kaiser Family Foundation; Professor Robert Blendon, Sc.D., and John Benson, M.A. of the Harvard School of Public Health; and Anne Gudenkauf, Joe Neel, Beth Donovan, Julie Rovner, Steve Drummond, Ron Elving, Uri Berliner, Les Cook, and Maria Godoy from NPR.

Fieldwork for the two surveys were conducted by telephone, May 21 – June 4, 2008, among a statewide representative sample of 1,358 randomly selected respondents ages 18 and over in Florida, and a statewide representative sample of 1,201 randomly selected respondents ages 18 and over in Ohio. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish by ICR/International Communications Research.

The margin of sampling error for results based on the total population in either state is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups the margin of sampling error is somewhat higher.

Please note: (1) Table percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. (2) Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*). (3) "Vol." indicates that a response was volunteered by the respondent and not an explicitly offered choice. (4) Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

 Thinking ahead to the November 2008 election, which of the following issues will be most important to you when you decide how to vote for president? (READ LIST)

Florida	Ohio	
49	50	The economy
17	18	The war in Iraq
14	15	Health care
8	6	Illegal immigration
7	4	Terrorism
1	3	Other issue (VOL.)
2	2	None of these (VOL.)
1	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

- 1a. And which of these issues will be the second most important to you when you decide how to vote for president? (READ ITEMS NOT CHOSEN IN Q.1)
- 1/1a. Combination Table (Based on Total):

Most/Second Most Important Issue When You Decide How to Vote for President

Florida	Ohio	
71	73	The economy
41	46	The war in Iraq
38	41	Health care
19	13	Terrorism
19	13	Illegal immigration
1	3	Other issue (VOL.)
2	2	None of these (VOL.)
1	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

2. When you say the economy is an important issue, can you tell me more specifically what you mean? (PROBE FOR CLARITY)
Based on those who say the economy is the most or second most important issue (N= 967 for FL; 866 for OH)

Florida	Ohio	
39	38	Gas/oil/energy(Net)
33	33	Gas prices/Fuel prices
3	3	Energy costs (including oil)
2	2	Increase in gas/fuel prices as it affects other prices/everything else
2	1	Gas (unspecified)
1	1	Dependence on foreign oil
*	*	Greed/U.S. oil industry
23	32	Jobs (NET)
14	15	More jobs/unemployment
2	8	Jobs going overseas
5	7	Jobs/job situation/the job market
4	4	Better jobs/better wages/increase minimum wage
*	1	Other job mentions
28	30	High prices/Inflation/Cost of living (NET)
8	9	High/rising prices
8	6	Inflation/cost of living (general)
5	6	Survival /concern for future/ people need help/can't make ends meet
5 4	5 4	Decrease/no increase in income/salary not keeping up with rising costs Prices/prices of everything
1	1	Disposable income/less money to spend
1	1	Other inflation/other cost of living/other effect of rising prices
13	11	Food (NET)
12	11	Food prices
1	*	Food (unspecified)
11	9	Housing (NET)
7	4	Housing/the housing market
4	4	Mortgage crisis
1	1	Cost of housing (general)
*	*	Rent/high rent
*	*	Other housing mentions
4	5	Healthcare/health insurance costs (incl. prescriptions)
4	4	Taxes
6	4	Economy, Generic (NET)
5 *	3 *	Fix bad economy Keep good economy
*	*	Economy (generic)
1	1	Other economy mentions
4	3	Devaluation of dollar
4	2	Recession/Possible recession/fear of recession/Depression
2	2	National debt
1	2	Class inequality/gap between rich and poor
1	1	Government spending
1	1	Cost of Iraq war
1	1	Balance of trade
1	1	Social security/retirement
1	1	Stock market
1	1	Ineffective presidency
1	1	Other Iraq/the war
1 1	1 *	Like/don't like a certain candidate's position on economy (general) Interest rates
1	*	Poverty/homelessness
1		Small business
•		Official Madification

- * Ineffective congress
 * Increase in crime rate
 * Declining sales (general)
 * Cutbacks on funding
 * Cost of education
 14 11 Other
 2 1 (DO NOT READ) Don't know
 1 (DO NOT READ) Refused
- 3. When you say health care is an important issue, can you tell me more specifically what you mean? (PROBE FOR CLARITY)

Based on those who say the economy is the most or second most important issue (N= 479 for FL; 488 for OH)

Florida	Ohio	
36	41	Health Care Cost Including Rx (NET)
20	24	Affordable healthcare/high cost of health care services
7	6	Prescription drug costs/affordable drugs (no mention of elderly/Medicare)
6	5	Affordable insurance
2	3	Cost/high cost (unspecified)
3	2	High cost of doctor visits
1	1	High cost of hospital visits
3	4	Other health care cost mentions
39	38	Uninsured/Access/Expanding Coverage (NET)
10	10	People without healthcare/health insurance
9	9	Coverage for everyone/everyone being insured
7	8	Should have national health plan/federalized health care/government funded
4	3	Accessibility to health care for poor
2	3	Accessibility to health care for all
2	3	Health insurance for children
1	1	Individual mandate/everyone should be required to have insurance
6	3	Other accessibility mentions
9	10	Medicare (NET)
4	5	Health care for the elderly (no mention of prescriptions, drugs)
3	3	Medicare (general)
1	1	Medicare drug benefits
1	1	Other Medicare mentions
2	3	Insurance Company Issues (NET)
1	2	Insurance companies have too much control
*	1	Health insurance/insurance (unspecified)
*		HMOs
1	*	Other insurance company issues mentions
4	3	Quality/lack of quality health care/better quality health care
2	3	Need better health care system/better insurance/needs to be improved
1	2	Necessity of health care/health care services
4	1	Responses not related to healthcare
1 *	1 *	Like/don't like a certain candidate's position on health care (general)
*	*	Preventive health care/medicine
*	*	The government shouldn't be involved in health care/socialized medicine
*	*	Medical research/for diseases/illness/breakthroughs
		Malpractice lawsuits
	*	Stem cells
10		Long term health care
10	9	Other
2	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	2	(DO NOT READ) Refused

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

4. 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 LIST)

Florida	Ohio	National 4/08*	
36	42	40	Reducing the costs of health care and health insurance
36	33	31	Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured
15	12	15	Improving the quality of care and reducing medical errors
8	7	9	Reducing spending on government health programs like Medicare and
			Medicaid
1	1	2	Other issue (VOL.)
2	3	2	None of these (VOL.)
2	2		(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*		(DO NOT READ) Refused

^{*}KFF Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (April 3-13, 2008)

5. Which ONE of the following three things would you like to see in a health care reform proposal from a presidential candidate? Would you want your candidate to propose (READ LIST INCLUDING CODE NUMBER)?

(READ IF NECESSARY: Which would you want your presidential candidate to propose - a major plan OR a more limited plan OR to keep things as they are?)

Florida	Ohio	National 2/08*	
49	52	49	A new health plan that would make a major effort to provide health insurance for all or nearly all of the uninsured BUT would involve a substantial increase in spending
27	22	27	A new health plan that is more limited and would cover only some of the uninsured BUT would involve less new spending
15	16	14	Keeping things basically as they are?
6	8	10	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
2	2		(DO NOT READ) Refused

*KFF Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (Feb. 7-16, 2008)

Now on another topic...

6. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

Florida	Ohio	Nationa	
		4/08*	
1	1	1	Excellent
11	12	10	Good
35	42	43	Not so good
52	44	46	Poor
1	1		(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*		(DO NOT READ) Refused

*ABC News Consumer Comfort Index Poll (April 21-May 18, 2008)

7. Considering the cost of things today and your own personal finances, would you say now is an excellent time, a good time, a not so good time, or a poor time to buy the things you want and need?

Florida	Ohio	Nationa 4/08*	
3	2	2	Excellent
17	19	17	Good
42	40	51	Not so good
37	37	30	Poor
1	2		(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*		(DO NOT READ) Refused

^{*}ABC News Consumer Comfort Index Poll (April 21-May 18, 2008)

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

People have suggested various ways that the government could act to try to fix the U.S. economy. How much do you think each of the following would help fix the country's economic problems? (First,) what about (INSERT)? Would this help fix the country's economic problems a great deal, some, only a little, or would it be no help at all?

	A great	C	Only a	No help	Don't	Defined
a. Cutting toyon	deal	Some	little	at all	know	Refused
a. Cutting taxes	22	27	20	10	2	*
Florida Ohio	32 33	27 29	20 18	19 16	2 2	*
National 2/08*	36	32	18	13	1	
b. Putting more money into the hands of people	30	32	10	13	ı	
Florida	35	24	19	17	3	1
Ohio	34	24 28	20	17	3 4	1 *
c. Increasing spending on domestic programs like	34	20	20	14	4	
health care, education, and housing						
Florida	34	31	14	18	2	*
Ohio	29	33	18	17	2	*
National 2/08*	43	27	16	14		
d. Pulling out of Iraq	43	_,				
Florida	49	19	9	19	3	1
Ohio	40	23	13	18	5	*
National 2/08*	48	20	13	18	1	
e. Investing in public works projects like roads,						
bridges, and new schools						
Florida	30	35	19	14	1	*
Ohio	28	35	23	13	1	*
f. Stopping American jobs from going overseas						
Florida	56	20	9	11	3	*
Ohio	64	19	9	6	1	*
g. Making sure all Americans have health						
insurance coverage						
Florida	40	22	15	20	2	*
Ohio	39	25	17	15	2	*
h. Lowering the cost of health care and health						
insurance						
Florida	42	31	15	11	2	*
Ohio	42	31	16	9	2	*

^{*}Associated Press/Ipsos-Public Affairs Poll (Feb. 4-6, 2008)

Q8 "Great deal" summary: Percent saying each of these would do a "great deal" to help fix the country's economic problems

Florida	Ohio	
56	64	Stopping American jobs from going overseas
49	40	Pulling out of Iraq
42	42	Lowering the cost of health care and health insurance
40	39	Making sure all Americans have health insurance coverage
35	34	Putting more money into the hands of people
32	33	Cutting taxes
34	29	Increasing spending on domestic programs like health care, education, and housing
30	28	Investing in public works projects like roads, bridges, and new schools

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS)

9. When thinking about rising health care costs, which ONE of the following concerns you most? (READ LIST)

Florida	Ohio	National 4/08*	
36	37	45	Increases in the amount people pay for their medical care and health insurance**
17	20	17	Increases in what the nation as a whole spends on health care
19	14	13	Increases in spending on government health insurance programs like Medicare and Medicaid
17	16	12	Increases in the health insurance premiums that employers pay to cover their workers
3	4	2	All of these (VOL.)
2	2	4	None of these (VOL.)
6	6	7	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*		(DO NOT READ) Refused

^{*}KFF Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (April 3-13, 2008)

10. Do you think the federal government should guarantee health insurance for all Americans, or is this NOT the responsibility of the federal government?

Florida	Ohio	National 2/07*	
55	53	64	Government should guarantee health insurance for all Americans
39	39	27	This is NOT the responsibility of the government
5	7	9	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	1		(DO NOT READ) Refused
*CBS News/New York Times Poll (Feb. 23-27, 2007)			

^{**}Note slight wording variation for national comparison: "Increases in the amount people pay for their health insurance premiums and other out of pocket costs."

11. What if that meant that the cost of your own health insurance would go up? Then, do you think the federal government should guarantee health insurance for all Americans, or not?

Based on those who think government should guarantee health insurance for all Americans (N = 689 for FL; N = 599 for OH)

Florida	Ohio	National 2/07*	
80	76	76	Government should guarantee health insurance for all Americans
14	15	18	Government should not guarantee health insurance for all
			Americans
4	8	6	(DO NOT READ) Don't Know/No Answer
2	*		(DO NOT READ) Refused

^{*}CBS News/New York Times Poll (Feb. 23-27, 2007)

10/11 Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	National 2/07*	
55	53	64	Government should guarantee health insurance for all Americans
44	41	48	Still should if own health insurance costs would go up
8	8	11	Should NOT if own health insurance costs would go
3	4	4	DK/Refused
39	39	27	It is NOT the responsibility of govt. to guarantee health insurance
			for all Americans
5	7	9	Don't know/No answer
1	1		Refused

^{*}CBS News/New York Times Poll (Feb. 23-27, 2007)

(ASK EVERYONE)

12. As you may know, a prescription drug benefit is now available for people on Medicare. Overall, what message would you send to presidential candidates about the Medicare prescription drug benefit? Would you say the Medicare drug benefit...? (READ LIST IN ORDER)

Florida	Ohio	
12	9	Is working well and no real changes are needed
37	38	Could be improved with some minor changes
23	24	Is not working well and needs major changes
10	7	Is not working and should be repealed
17	22	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

Now thinking about your own financial situation...

13. Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as: excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

Florida	Ohio	4/08*	
7	7	6	Excellent
42	44	41	Good
32	31	38	Not so good
18	16	15	Poor
*	*		(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	1		(DO NOT READ) Refused

^{*}ABC News Consumer Comfort Index Poll (April 21-May 18, 2008)

14. Is your personal financial situation better or worse now compared to one year ago, or is it about the same?

Florida	Ohio	
13	17	Better
46	41	Worse
41	41	About the same
	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS a-j)

15. As a result of recent changes in the economy, have you or your family experienced any of the following problems, or not? First, what about (INSERT)? (IF YES ASK: Was this a serious problem or not?)

serious serious No, not a Don't	
problem problem Know	Refused
a. Problems paying for health care and health insurance	
Florida 32 14 53 1	
Ohio 28 11 60 1	*
National 4/08* 28 14 58 1	
b. Problems paying for gas	
Florida 55 16 29 *	*
Ohio 48 18 33 *	*
National 4/08* 44 20 35 *	
c. Problems getting a good-paying job or a raise in pay	
Florida 39 10 49 1	*
Ohio 34 14 49 2	*
National 4/08* 29 11 59 1	
d. Problems paying your rent or mortgage	
Florida 23 11 66 *	*
Ohio 16 8 75 1	*
National 4/08* 19 10 70 1	
e. Losing money in the stock market	
Florida 19 17 61 2	1
Ohio 14 20 63 3	*
National 4/08* 16 19 63 2	
f. Problems with credit card debt or other personal debt	
Florida 23 14 63 *	*
Ohio 18 13 68 1	*
National 4/08* 18 11 71 *	
g. Problems paying for food	
Florida 24 17 59 *	*
Ohio 16 18 65 *	*
National 4/08* 18 15 66 *	
h. Losing a job	
Florida 26 6 67 *	*
Ohio 20 6 72 1	*
i. Problems paying for college or other education costs	
Florida 26 8 65 1	1
Ohio 21 10 66 2	*
j. Problems buying or selling a home, or your home losing value	
Florida 38 14 46 2	*
Ohio 25 13 57 4	*
k. Problems getting or paying for care for an elderly or disabled relative who needs long-t	erm help
Florida 18 5 76 2	*
Ohio 12 5 81 2	*

^{*}KFF Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (April 3-13, 2008)

(ASK Q.16 IF YES TO MORE THAN ONE ITEM IN Q.15)

16. You mentioned several things as serious problems for your family. Which of these would you say has been the MOST serious problem?

15/16 Most Serious Problem Table (Note: includes those who said only one of these was a serious problem

Florida	Ohio	
76	71	Any of these was a serious problem (NET)
17	18	Problems paying for gas
11	12	Problems getting a good-paying job or a raise in pay
10	7	Problems buying or selling a home, or your home losing value
8	7	Problems paying for health care and health insurance
6	5	Losing a job
5	4	Losing money in the stock market
4	4	Problems with credit card debt or other personal debt
3	4	Problems paying for college or other education costs
6	3	Problems paying your rent or mortgage
2	3	Problems paying for food
3	2	Problems getting or paying for care for an elderly or disabled
		relative who needs long-term help
1	2	Don't know
*		Refused
24	29	No serious problems

(ASK EVERYONE)

17. Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

Florida	Ohio	4/08*	
21	16	30	Plenty of jobs available
71	77	61	Jobs are difficult to find
		4	Lots of some jobs, few of others (Vol.)
8	7	5	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*		(DO NOT READ) Refused

^{*}Pew Research Center for the People & the Press Political Survey (April 23-27, 2008)

18. How, if at all, has your community been affected by jobs moving overseas? Has this been a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem for your community?

Florida	Ohio	
28	52	Big problem
23	26	Small problem
39	16	Not a problem
9	6	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

19. 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?

Florida	Ohio	
10	10	Self-employed
36	41	Working full-time for an employer
9	8	Working part-time for an employer
24	21	Retired
19	18	Not employed for pay
	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

20. Thinking about the past year, was there ever a time when you were sick but went to work anyway, specifically because you were worried about the financial consequences of taking time off?

Based on those who are employed (N = 671 for FL; N = 644 for OH)

Florida	Ohio	
44	50	Yes
56	49	No
*	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*		(DO NOT READ) Refused

19/20 Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	
56	59	Employed (NET)
24	30	Went to work when sick
31	29	Did not go to work while sick
24	21	Retired
19	18	Not employed for pay
	1	Don't know
*	*	Refused

(ASK EVERYONE)

20a. Are you at all worried about paying the money you owe on credit cards and other loans, or is this not something you worry about?

Florida	Ohio	
35	32	Yes, worried
65	67	No, not something you worry about
*	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

21. Would you say you are more worried about this now than you were one year ago, are you less worried now, or are you about as worried as you were last year?

Based on those who are worried about paying the money they owe on credit cards and other loans (N = 412 for FL; N = 327 for OH)

Florida	Ohio	
73	65	More worried
5	7	Less worried
22	27	About as worried
	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
		(DO NOT READ) Refused

20a/21 Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	
35	32	Worried about paying money owed on credit cards and other
		loans (NET)
25	21	More worried about this than a year ago
2	2	Less worried about this than a year ago
8	9	About as worried as a year ago
65	67	No, not something you worry about
*	1	Don't know
*	*	Refused

22. Have you been contacted by a collection agency in the past two years about bills you owe, or not?

Florida	Ohio	
22	26	Yes
78	74	No
	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

(SCRAMBLE – ITEM d SHOULD ALWAYS BE LAST)

- 23. Were you contacted by a collection agency about (INSERT ITEM), or not?

 Based on those who have been contacted by a collection agency past 2 years (N = 239 for FL; N=229 for OH)
- a. Credit card debt

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Florida Ohio
42 40 Yes
58 60 No
-- 1 (DO NOT READ) Don't know
* -- (DO NOT READ) Refused
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b. Health care bills

Florida	Ohio	
63	60	Yes
37	40	No
		(DO NOT READ) Don't know
		(DO NOT READ) Refused

c. Student loan debt

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Florida Ohio
15 12 Yes
85 88 No
-- -- (DO NOT READ) Don't know
-- (DO NOT READ) Refused
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d. Some other kind of debt

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Florida Ohio
35 36 Yes
65 63 No
-- 1 (DO NOT READ) Don't know
* -- (DO NOT READ) Refused
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22/23 Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	
22	26	Contacted by a collection agency in past two years
14	16	About health care bills
9	10	About credit card debt
8	9	About some other kind of debt
3	3	About student loan debt
78	74	NOT contacted by a collection agency in past two years
	*	Don't know
*	*	Refused

(ASK EVERYONE)

24. In the past 12 months, did you or another family member in your household have any problems paying medical bills, or not?

Florida	Ohio	National 9/06*	
28	25	25	Yes
72	74	75	No
*	1	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*		(DO NOT READ) Refused

^{*}ABC News/Kaiser/USA Today Health Care Poll (Sept. 7-12, 2006)

25. How much of an impact have these bills had on you and your family — a major impact, a minor impact, or no real impact on you and your family?

Based on those who had problems paying medical bills in the past 12 months (N= 312 for FL, N = 256 for OH)

Florida	Ohio	Nationa 9/06*	I
61	53	61	Major impact
34	42	33	Minor impact
5	3	6	No real impact
*	2		(DO NOT READ) Don't know
			(DO NOT READ) Refused

*ABC News/Kaiser/USA Today Health Care Poll (Sept. 7-12, 2006)

24/25 Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	National 9/06*	
28	25	25	Someone in family had problem paying medical bills past 12 months (NET)
17	13	15	Bills had a major impact on family
9	10	8	Bills had minor impact on family
1	1	2	Bills had no real impact on family
72	74	75	Did NOT have problem paying medical bills in past 12 months
*	1	*	Don't know
*	*		Refused

^{*}ABC News/Kaiser/USA Today Health Care Poll (Sept. 7-12, 2006)

(SCRAMBLE)

- 26. Please tell me if you did each of the following in order to pay these medical bills. (First,) did you (INSERT) to pay these medical bills, or not?

 Based on those who had problems paying medical bills in the past 12 months (N= 312 for FL; N = 256 for OH)
- a. Use up all or most of your savings

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Florida	Ohio	_
61	55	Yes
39	44	No
	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

b. Take out a loan or another mortgage on your home

Florida Ohio

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14	14	Yes
86	85	No
*	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

c. Declare bankruptcy

Florida Ohio
6 8 Yes
94 91 No
* * (DO NOT READ) Don't know
* -- (DO NOT READ) Refused

d. Borrow money from relatives

Florida Ohio
40 37 Yes
59 63 No
-- * (DO NOT READ) Don't know
1 -- (DO NOT READ) Refused

e. Seek the aid of a charity or public assistance

Florida Ohio
21 26 Yes
79 73 No
-- 1 (DO NOT READ) Don't know
-- * (DO NOT READ) Refused

f. Go into credit card debt

Florida Ohio
31 23 Yes
69 76 No
* 1 (DO NOT READ) Don't know
* -- (DO NOT READ) Refused

g. Skip paying other bills, such as rent, mortgage, or utilities

i. Begin working an extra job

j. Take money out of a retirement fund or college savings fund

Florida Ohio
25 21 Yes
75 79 No
-- * (DO NOT READ) Don't know
-- * (DO NOT READ) Refused

24/26 Combination Table (Based Total)

Florida	Ohio	
28	25	Someone in family had problem paying medical bills in past 12 months (NET)
24	21	Did any of these (SUBNET)
17	14	Used up all or most of savings
9	10	Skipped paying other bills
11	9	Borrowed money from relatives
6	7	Sought the aid of charity or public assistance
9	6	Went into credit card debt
8	6	Began working another job
7	5	Took money out of retirement or college savings fund
4	3	Took out a loan or other mortgage on home
2	2	Declared bankruptcy
72	74	Did NOT have problem paying medical bills in past 12 months
*	1	Don't know
*	*	Refused

(ASK EVERYONE) (SCRAMBLE)

27. In the past year, have you or another family member living in your household... (INSERT) because of the COST, or not?

(ASK Q.27a IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH YES IN Q.27)

27a. Did the condition get worse as a result of (INSERT)?

	Total	Condition	Did not get			
	Yes	got worse	worse/DK/Ref	No	DK	Ref.
a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatm	ent					
Florida	28	15	13	71	*	*
Ohio	25	11	14	74	*	*
National 4/08*	24	13	11	76	1	
b. Not filled a prescription for a medicine						
Florida	25	15	10	75	1	*
Ohio	24	15	9	75	*	*
National 4/08*	23	14	9	76	*	
c. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine						
Florida	19	11	8	81	*	*
Ohio	20	12	8	79	1	*
National 4/08*	19	12	7	80	*	
d. Had problems getting mental health care						
Florida	8	5	3	91	1	*
Ohio	7	5	2	91	1	*
National 4/08*	8	5	3	90	2	
e. Put off or postponed getting health care you ne	eded					
Florida	30	18	12	70	*	*
Ohio	31	19	12	68	1	*
National 4/08*	29	20	10	70	1	
f. Put off or postponed getting dental care you ne	eded					
Florida	41	29	12	59	*	*
Ohio	37	25	12	62	*	*

^{*} KFF Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008 (April 3-13, 2008)

Q27 Summary: Percent saying "yes" to any item in Q27

Florida Ohio
54 53 Yes to any item in Q27
46 47 No/Don't know/Refused to all items in Q27

Q27 Summary: Percent saying "yes" to any item in Q27a-e (excluding dental care)

Florida	Ohio	National 4/08*	
46	44	42	Yes to any item in Q27a-e (excluding dental care)
54	56	58	No/Don't know/Refused to all items in Q27a-e

(READ) Now on another topic...

(ASK EVERYONE)

28. Do you think improving the economy is something a president can do a lot about, do a little about, or is that mostly beyond any president's control?

Florida	Ohio	
48	41	A lot
32	38	A little
17	18	Mostly beyond any president's control
3	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

(ROTATE ITEMS) (ROTATE NAMES IN PARENS)

29. Which presidential candidate, (John McCain) or (Barack Obama), do you think would do a better job handling (INSERT)?

Based on Half of Total (N= 686 for FL; N =600 for OH)

a. The economy

Florida	Ohio	
34	30	John McCain
44	42	Barack Obama
8	9	Someone else/other candidate (Vol.)
14	17	Don't know
1	3	Refused

b. Health care

Florida	Ohio	
29	27	John McCain
47	44	Barack Obama
8	9	Someone else/other candidate (Vol.)
14	17	Don't know
3	2	Refused

(ROTATE ITEMS) (ROTATE NAMES IN PARENS)

30. Which presidential candidate, (John McCain) or (Hillary Clinton), do you think would do a better job handling (INSERT)? Based on Half of Total (N= 672 for FL; N =601 for OH)

The economy a.

Florida	Ohio	
32	28	John McCain
48	51	Hillary Clinton
7	7	Someone else/other candidate (Vol.)
10	11	Don't know
3	2	Refused

b. Health care

Florida	Ohio	
29	25	John McCain
50	54	Hillary Clinton
6	8	Someone else/other candidate (Vol.)
12	12	Don't know
3	1	Refused

DEMOGRAPHICS

D01. GENDER

Florida	Ohio	
49	48	Male
51	52	Female

(ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENS)

D1. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

INTERVIEWER IF REFUSED READ: We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are confidential.

Florida	Ohio	
36	36	Democrat
26	22	Republican
31	35	Independent
*	1	Vote for the person not the party (Vol.)
2	1	Something else
3	3	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
2	2	(DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.D2 IF RESPONDANT DOES NOT NAME A PARTY) (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENS IN SAME ORDER AS PREVIOUS QUESTION) D2. Do you lean more towards the: (Democratic) or (Republican) Party?

D1/D2 Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	
52	55	Democrat/Lean Democrat
35	33	Republican/Lean Republican
12	12	Other/Refused to Lean

(ASK EVERYONE)

(ROTATE SCALE 1-3/3-1)

D3. Would you say your views on most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative...?

Florida	Ohio	
23	21	Liberal
38	40	Moderate
33	32	Conservative
2	2	Don't think in those terms (vol.)
3	4	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

D4. Are you registered to vote at your present address?

Florida	Ohio	
82	87	Yes
17	12	No
*	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

D5. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November (2008). Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

Florida	Ohio	
71	76	Absolutely certain to vote
8	9	Will probably vote
10	7	Chances are 50-50
8	5	Less than that
2	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

D6. 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?

Florida	Ohio	
80	85	Yes, covered
19	15	No, not covered
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

D7. Which type of health insurance do you now have? Is it a plan through your or your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or Medicaid, some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Based on those who are covered by health insurance (N= 1170 for FL; N =1068 for OH)

Florida	Ohio	
53	61	Private plan through your or your spouse's
		employer
10	8	Plan purchased yourself
19	17	Medicare
6	7	Medicaid
5	3	Some other government program
2	1	Plan through parents' insurance
3	2	Somewhere else
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

D6/D7 Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	
80	85	Covered by health insurance (NET)
42	51	Private plan through employer
8	7	Plan purchased on own
15	14	Medicare
4	6	Medicaid
4	3	Some other government program
2	1	Plan through parents
3	2	Somewhere else
19	15	Uninsured
1	*	Don't know
*	1	Refused

(ASK EVERYONE)

D8. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of dental insurance, or do you not have dental insurance at this time?

Florida	Ohio	
48	60	Yes, covered
51	39	No, not covered
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.D9 IF Q.19 = 2 OR 3) (SCRAMBLE)

D9. Does your employer offer you (INSERT), or not?

Based on those who are employed by someone else (N=542 for FL; N =516 for OH)

a. Paid sick leave

Florida	Ohio	
67	60	Yes
31	38	No
2	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

b. Paid vacation

Florida	Ohio	
72	74	Yes
26	23	No
2	2	(20110111212) 20111 1111011
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

Q.19/D9a Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	
45	49	Employed by someone else
30	30	Employer offers paid sick leave
14	19	Employer does not offer paid sick leave
10	10	Self-employed
24	21	Retired
19	18	Not employed for pay
	1	Don't know
*	*	Refused

Q.19/D9b Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	
45	49	Employed by someone else
33	36	Employer offers paid vacation
12	11	Employer does not offer paid vacation
10	10	Self-employed
24	21	Retired
19	18	Not employed for pay
	1	Don't know
*	*	Refused

(ASK EVERYONE)

D10. What is your age?

(ASK IF REFUSED)

D10a. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of ...? (READ LIST)

Florida	Ohio	
19	21	18-29
36	37	30-49
24	25	50-64
21	16	65+
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

D10b. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?

Florida	Ohio	
34	37	Yes
65	62	No
		(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK EVERYONE)

D11. Are you: (READ LIST)

Florida 52	Ohio	Marriad and living with your chause
52	53	Married and living with your spouse
8	7	Living with a partner but not married
3	2	Separated
9	9	Divorced
8	7	Widowed
18	21	Or never married
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

D12. What is the last grade of school you completed?

(ASK IF GRADUATED COLLEGE)

D13. Was that an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or what?

D12/13. Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	
4	2	8 th grade or less
9	11	Some high school
34	38	Graduated high school
26	26	Some college
14	12	College graduate
11	10	Post graduate training
*	*	Don't know
1	1	Refused

(ASK EVERYONE)

D14. Do you own or rent your home?

Florida	Ohio	
72	70	Own
25	26	Rent
1	2	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
2	2	(DO NOT READ) Refused

D14a. Are you currently making payments on a mortgage, or is your home entirely paid for? Based on those who own their home (N = 1092 for FL; N = 934 for OH)

Florida	Ohio	
66	65	Making payments on a mortgage
33	34	Home is entirely paid for
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	*	(DO NOT READ) Refused

D14/D14a Combination Table (Based on Total)

Florida	Ohio	
72	70	Own home
47	45	Making payments on mortgage
24	24	Home is entirely paid for
25	26	Rent home
1	2	Don't know
2	2	Refused

D15. Have you or anyone else in your household lost a job during the past year, or not?

Florida	Ohio	
22	18	Yes
77	81	No
*	*	(DO NOT READ) Don't know
1	1	(DO NOT READ) Refused

- D17. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?
- D18. Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?
- D19. Are you white, black, or some other race?

Race Summary Table

Florida	Ohio	
62	83	White (non-Hispanic)
13	10	Black (non-Hispanic)
1	*	Asian (non-Hispanic)
1	1	Mixed race
20	2	Hispanic (NET)
15	1	White Hispanic
2	*	Black Hispanic
3	*	Hispanic unspecified
1	1	Some other race
*	*	Don't know
2	2	Refused

- 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.
- D21. Is that \$100 to under \$150 thousand, \$150 to under \$200 thousand or more?

Florida	Ohio	
16	16	Less than \$20K
11	12	\$20K but less than \$30K
11	10	\$30K but less than 40K
9	9	\$40K but less than \$50K
7	7	\$50K but less than \$60K
10	10	\$60K but less than \$80K
8	8	\$80K but less than \$100K
14	10	\$100K or more (NET)
8	7	\$100 to under \$150K
2	2	\$150K to under \$200K
3	1	\$200K or more
4	5	Don't know
11	12	Refused







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