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Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008

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Methodology

The *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Claudia Deane and Carolina Gutiérrez. The survey was conducted July 29 through August 6, 2008, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,517 adults ages 18 and older, including 1,362 adults who say they are registered to vote. Of these registered voters, there are 389 self-identified Republicans, 483 self-identified Democrats, and 394 self-identified independents. Telephone interviews were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for both the total sample and the sample of registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points; for registered voters who self-identify as Republicans and independents it is plus or minus 6 percentage points, and for those voters who self-identify as Democrats it is plus or minus 5 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error is higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*).

“VOL” indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

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

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

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

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

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

READ TO ALL: On a different subject...

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

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

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

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

Total serious problem to any of these: 58 %

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q8/Q9 Combination Table (based on total)

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

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

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

D7. Are you NOW self-employed, working full-time for an employer, working part-time for an employer, are you retired, or are you not employed for pay?

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

D8. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or (Medicaid)? **USE VARIANT WORDING IN CALIFORNIA:** (Medi-Cal)

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

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

Based on those who are insured

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

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

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

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

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

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

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

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

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

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

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

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

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

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

Based on those insured through own/spouse's employer

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

Questions 18 – 34 held for future release.

DEMOGRAPHICS (ASK ALL):

(READ) Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

D1. RECORD RESPONDENT'S SEX

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

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

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

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

a. Had a doctor's visit

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

b. Had an overnight stay in a hospital

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

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

c. Gone to a hospital emergency room for medical treatment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(n=133) (n=102)

D5/D5a Combination Table (based on total)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

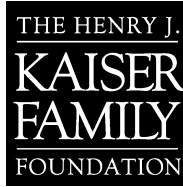
| <u>Total</u> | <u>Total RVs</u> | |
|--------------|------------------|---|
| 32 | 31 | Yes |
| 67 | 69 | No |
| * | * | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused |

- D18. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?
- D19. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC ASK: Do you consider yourself a white Hispanic or a black Hispanic?)**

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

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

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



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