

Economy and Iraq the dominant voting issues, but gas prices and health care still matter to many

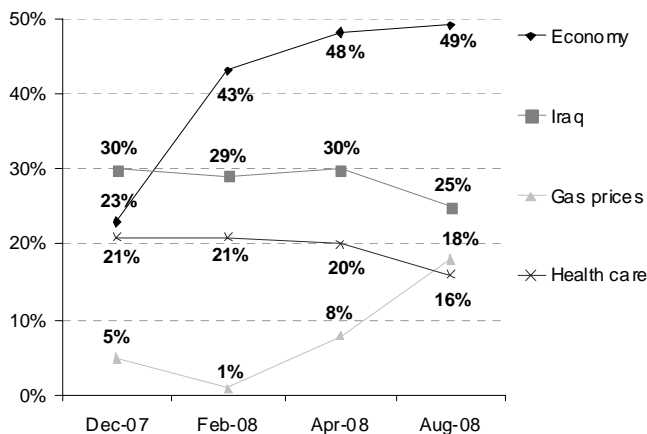
With many Americans feeling a financial pinch from recent economic changes, roughly half of voters (49 percent) say the economy is one of the top two issues in their choice for president, followed by the war in Iraq, mentioned by one in four. Only two other issues break double digits: gas prices and energy issues, named by 18 percent, and health care, named by 16 percent. Looking at issue preferences across party lines, the economy tops the list for Republicans, Democrats and political independents alike. After that priorities vary somewhat. Health care is the third most important voting issue mentioned by registered Democrats and the fourth for independents, mentioned by at least one in eight voters in each group; among Republicans, however, health care falls to fifth place along with mentions of candidates' personal characteristics and is mentioned by fewer than one in ten voters.

Thinking ahead to the November 2008 presidential election, what is the single most important issue in your vote for president? Is there another issue that's nearly as important? (open-ended, among registered voters)

Issue Rank	Total registered voters	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
1	Economy (49%)	Economy (43%)	Economy (54%)	Economy (50%)
2	Iraq (25)	Gas prices (24)	Iraq (32)	Iraq (21)
3	Gas prices (18)	Iraq (20)	Health care (22)	Gas prices (17)
4	Health care (16)	Terrorism (13)	Gas prices (13)	Health care (13)
5	Terrorism (7)	Health care (9)	Education/Schools (5)	Terrorism (9)
	Personal characteristics (7)†	Personal characteristics (9)†	Personal characteristics (5)†	

† Indicates a tie.

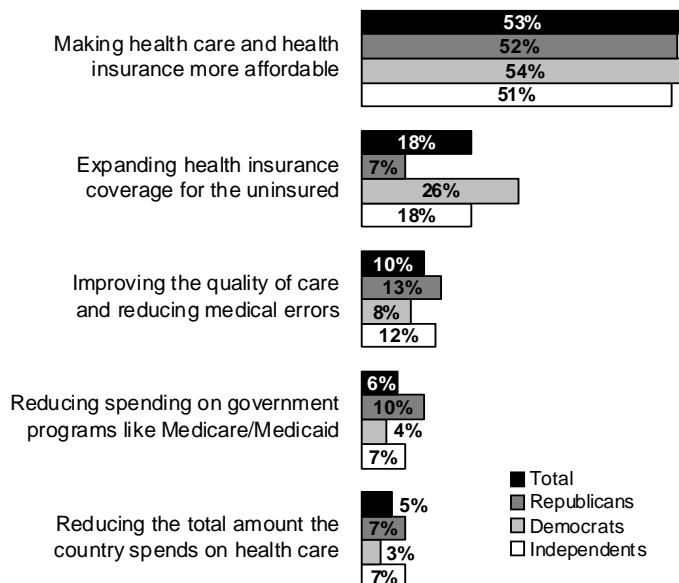
Thinking ahead to the November 2008 presidential election, what is the single most important issue in your vote for president? Is there another issue that's nearly as important? (open-ended, top 4 responses shown among registered voters)



When asked about specific health care issues that may matter in their choice for president, a majority of voters overall (53 percent), as well as in each political party, say that making health care and insurance more affordable is the top issue. In addition, nearly two in ten voters (18 percent) say that expanding coverage for the uninsured is the most important issue in their vote. The other three options garner even less support, with one in ten (10 percent) citing the need for improved quality of care, and roughly one in twenty choosing reducing spending on government programs (6 percent) or reducing the total amount of national health expenditures (5 percent).

As the cost of gasoline continues to hover around \$4 a gallon in many parts of the country, the share of voters naming gas prices and energy issues as the most important issue to their vote rose ten percentage points since the spring. While the share of voters who mention the war in Iraq and health care as top issues has fallen slightly since April.

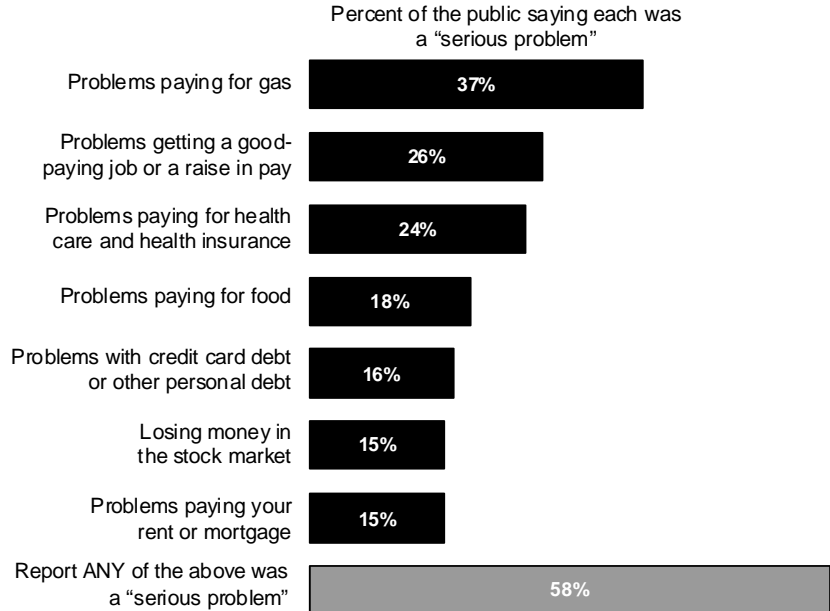
Which ONE of the following health care issues is most important in your vote for president? (among registered voters in August 2008)



Health care costs an important facet of pocketbook problems

While many voters name the economy as the most important issue in their vote choice, the survey suggests that this is an umbrella issue covering many other concerns, including those related to health care. In a question about the impact of recent shifts in the economy on people's personal financial situation, about six in ten (58 percent) Americans report they are having serious problems with at least one key pocketbook issue. Topping the list, nearly four in ten (37 percent) Americans say that affording gas is a serious problem for them and their families. About a quarter say finding a job that pays well or getting a raise (26 percent) and paying for health care and insurance (24 percent) are serious problems. And smaller but still significant shares of the public report serious problems paying for food (18 percent), lowering their debt (16 percent), losing money in the stock market, and paying rent or mortgage (15 percent each).

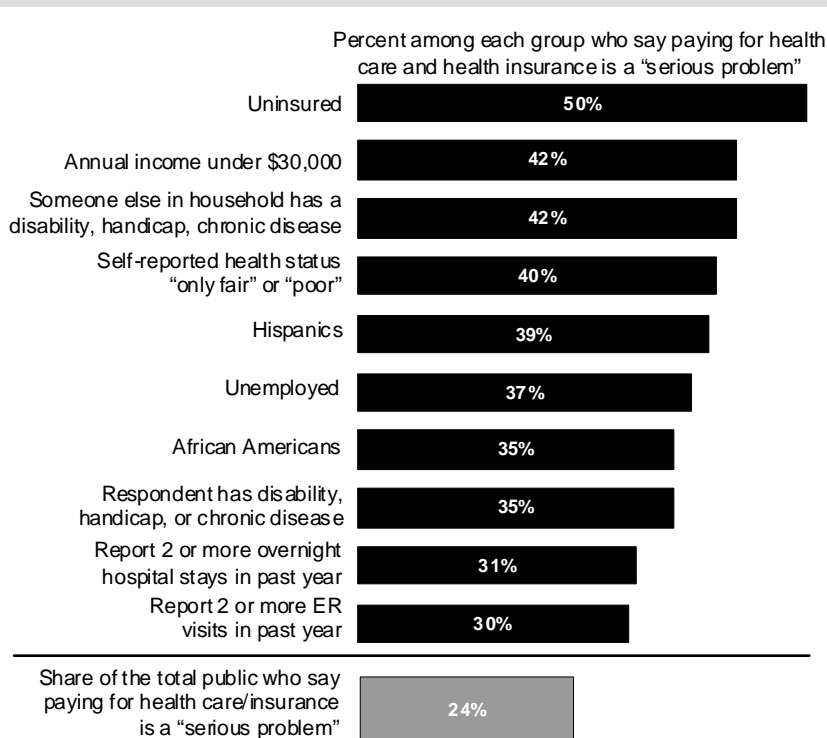
As a result of recent changes in the economy, have you and your family experienced any of the following problems, or not? Was this a serious problem, or not?



Groups most likely to report having serious problems paying pay for health care and health insurance

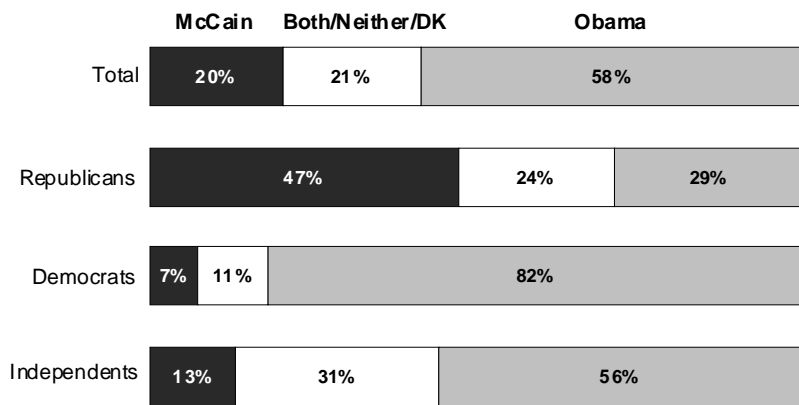
While one in four Americans (24 percent) say that paying for health care and health insurance is a "serious problem" due to recent economic changes, some groups of people are more likely to report this than others. Overall, those in the poorest health and those with the most need for health care are the people disproportionately

reporting difficulties paying for needed health care and coverage. For example, fully half (50 percent) of those with no health insurance coverage saying that affording health care is a serious problem. Around four in ten of those with an annual household income under \$30,000 (42 percent), those living with someone who requires care (42 percent), those who report their own physical health as "fair" or "poor" (40 percent), Hispanics (39 percent), and the unemployed (37 percent) also report a serious problem paying for health care. And over one in three African Americans and those with a disability, handicap, or chronic disease (35 percent each) and three in ten of those who have had two or more hospital overnight stays (31 percent) or two or more emergency room visits (30 percent) in the past year say that paying for their health care and insurance is a serious problem.



Perceptions of the candidates' stances on health care and health reform

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)
(among registered voters in August 2008)



McCain (47 percent) as the more likely candidate to make health reform a priority, about three in ten (29 percent) choose Obama. Among independent voters, a majority (56 percent) say Obama would make health care a top priority.

When it comes to the candidates' abilities to address specific aspects of health care, Obama is chosen by a majority of voters as the candidate who would do more to expand coverage to the uninsured and address affordability issues. A plurality of voters also say he would lower the federal budget deficit, though here the distinction between the two candidates is more muted. Voters are split on who would do more to lower overall national health expenditures.

When asked about how different groups would be helped by the candidates' plans, majorities say Obama's plan would be better for low-income Americans, the uninsured, children and working families, all seen as traditional Democratic constituencies. McCain's plan has an advantage over Obama when it comes to which candidate would do more to help employers (40 percent to 27 percent for Obama) and health insurance companies (41 percent versus 25 percent).

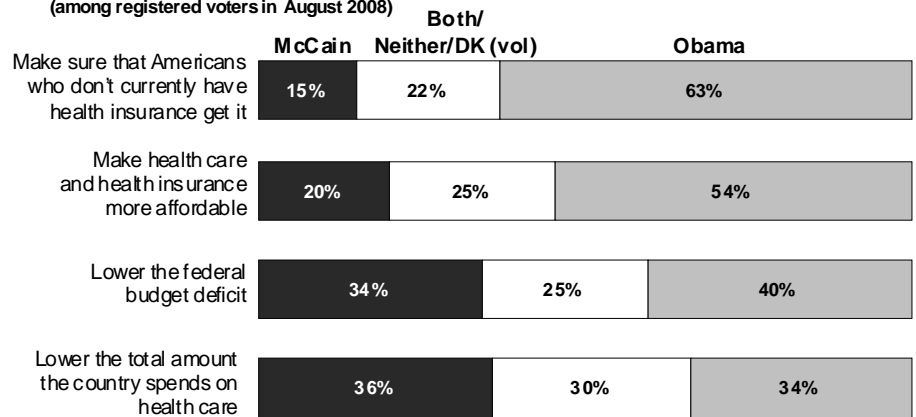
Not surprisingly, Republican voters are roughly twice as likely to name McCain as the candidate who would do more to address the different health care reform aspects and best serve a variety of groups, with three key exceptions: slim pluralities of Republican voters name

Obama as the more likely candidate to help expand coverage and say his plan would be better for those with low incomes and the uninsured. Similarly, Democratic voters mostly say Obama and his plan can address these issues, although slightly more say McCain's plan would be better for insurance companies. Independent voters more closely mirror the average results of total registered voters. (see the end of this document for partisan data)

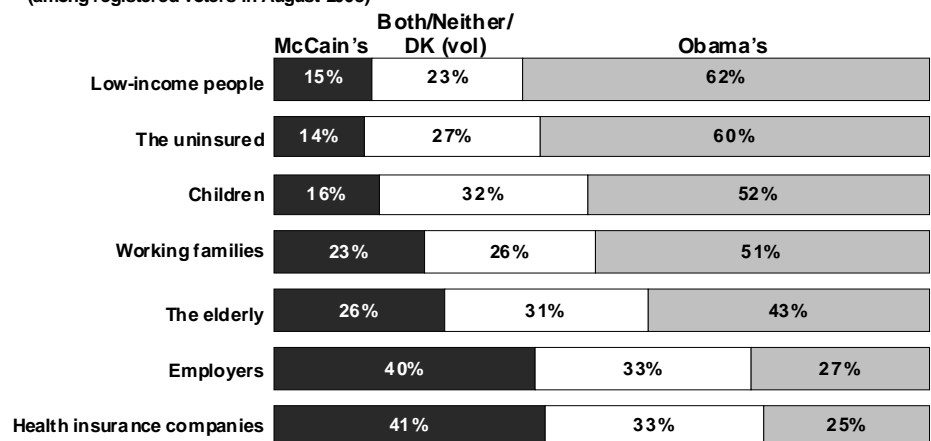
As we head into the presidential nominating conventions and the height of the general election season, Democrat Barack Obama maintains his party's traditional advantage on health care issues. For example, in an open-ended question about who better represents voters' personal health care views, Obama (42 percent) is named by nearly twice as many voters as John McCain (24 percent).

Republican and Democratic voters are overwhelmingly likely to name their party's candidate, while a plurality of independent voters say Obama best represents their views on health (37 percent). Furthermore, when asked which candidate is more likely to make health care reform a top priority, roughly three times as many voters name Obama (58 percent) as name McCain (20 percent). Even though a plurality of Republican voters name

And which presidential candidate – John McCain or Barack Obama – would do more to...? (names rotated)
(among registered voters in August 2008)



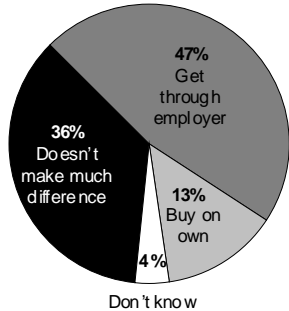
Based on what you know or have heard, whose health reform plan - John McCain's or Barack Obama's - would better for...? (names rotated)
(among registered voters in August 2008)



Voters' views on moving to an individual market

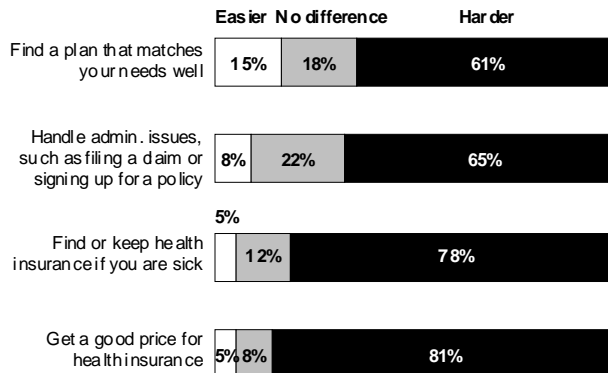
Assuming the cost to you was about the same, would you prefer to get health insurance through an employer at work, or would you prefer to buy health insurance on your own, or doesn't it make much difference to you?

(among registered voters who are insured through an employer; August 2008)



If you were to buy health insurance on your own, do you think it would make each of the following easier, harder, or wouldn't it make much different compared to your current situation?

(among registered voters who are insured through an employer; August 2008)



percent would prefer to buy insurance on their own. Importantly, over a third (36 percent) of voters say the way in which they obtain health coverage would not make a difference to them.

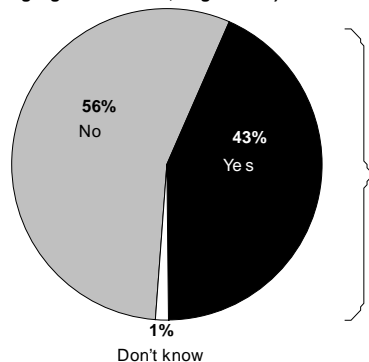
When asked about specific implications of getting their own coverage, majorities of voters currently covered by an employer think that having to buy their own insurance would make several insurance-related tasks more difficult. This includes at least six in ten voters who say buying their own insurance would make it harder to find a plan that matches their needs (61 percent) and to handle administrative issues (65 percent). In addition, roughly eight in ten voters say buying insurance on their own would make it harder to find or keep coverage when they are sick (78 percent) and present a challenge for getting a good price on health insurance (81 percent). After considering these four factors, just over half of those who said they didn't have a preference or would prefer the individual market changed their minds and expressed a preference for staying in the employer-based system. Therefore, after hearing about issues related to buying insurance on their own, fully three quarters (75 percent) of registered voters with health insurance through an employer say they would prefer to continue with their employer coverage, while only seven percent say they would prefer to buy their own coverage, and 15 percent remain indifferent. If forced to buy their own health insurance, seven in ten (70 percent) voters say an organization that provides a range of health insurance plans for them to choose from would be at least somewhat helpful, while two in ten (21 percent) say they would find such an organization unhelpful.

Experiences buying health insurance

The survey suggests that about four in ten (43 percent) voters say they have some experience with the individual market, having at some point in their lives bought or tried to buy health insurance on their own, dealing directly with an insurance agent rather than going through an employer. When asked whether their experiences were very or somewhat easy or difficult, these voters were quite mixed, with 51 percent saying their experience was "very" or "somewhat" difficult and 48 percent saying it was "very" or "somewhat" easy. Republican voters are the only partisan group in which a majority say their experiences buying health insurance were easy.

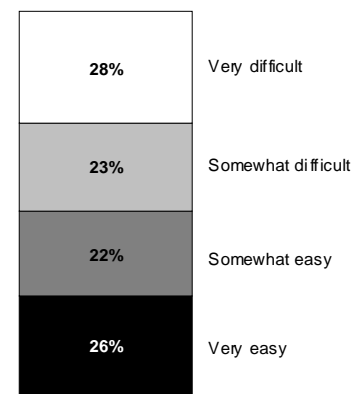
Have you yourself ever bought, or tried to buy, health insurance on your own, that is, dealing directly with an insurance company or insurance agent rather than going through an employer, or not?

(among registered voters; August 2008)



Overall, was your experience buying or trying to buy your own health insurance ... ?

(among registered voters who ever bought or tried to buy health insurance on their own; August 2008)



Those with employer-based coverage who have had past personal experience trying to buy health insurance in the individual market are more likely than others to say they would actually prefer to get insurance that way (22 percent would, compared to 8 percent among those who have never tried to buy their own insurance.) So it does seem that experience might breed increasing comfort with going it alone. At the same time, though, the survey suggests that experience with the individual market does not turn most people into converts: nearly twice as many of those who now have employer-based coverage but have past experience with the individual marketplace say they would prefer to continue getting insurance through an employer (41 percent) than would prefer to go it on their own (22 percent).

The survey suggests that there is a good deal of attachment to the employer-based health insurance system among those who currently participate in it. When given the option of continuing to get health insurance through an employer or buying their own coverage, nearly half (47 percent) of those voters currently covered by employer-based coverage say they would prefer to get their insurance the same way, while 13

Methodology

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008*, the ninth in a series, was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., and including Claudia Deane and Carolina Gutiérrez. A nationally representative random sample of 1,517 adults ages 18 and older, including 1,362 adults who say they are registered to vote, was interviewed by telephone between July 29 and August 6, 2008. The margin of sampling error for the full sample and for the sample of registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points; for results based on subgroups, the sampling error is higher. For full question wording and results, see the Toplines at http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/h08_post081908pkg.cfm.

June trends are from the eighth survey in the *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* series, and are based on a nationally representative random sample of 1,066 registered voters interviewed June 3-8, 2008 (margin of sampling error plus or minus 4 percentage points).

April trends are from the seventh survey in the *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* series, and are based on a nationally representative random sample of 1,759 registered voters interviewed April 3-13, 2008 (margin of sampling error plus or minus 3 percentage points).

February trends are from the sixth survey in the *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* series, and are based on a nationally representative random sample of 1,770 registered voters interviewed February 7-16, 2008 (margin of sampling error plus or minus 3 percentage points).

December trends are from the fifth survey in the *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* series, and are based on a nationally representative random sample of 1,063 registered voters interviewed November 28-December 9, 2007¹ (margin of sampling error plus or minus 4 percentage points).

October trends are from the fourth survey in the *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* series, and are based on a nationally representative random sample of 1,058 registered voters interviewed October 1-10, 2007 (margin of sampling error plus or minus 3 percentage points).

August trends are from the third survey in the *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* series, and are based on a nationally representative random sample of 1,303 registered voters interviewed August 2-8, 2007 (margin of sampling error plus or minus 3 percentage points).

June trends are from the second survey in the *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* series, and are based on a nationally representative random sample of 1,050 registered voters interviewed May 31-June 5, 2007 (margin of sampling error plus or minus 4 percentage points).

March trends are from the first survey in the *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* series, and are based on a nationally representative random sample of 1,013 registered voters interviewed March 8-13, 2007 (margin of sampling error plus or minus 3 percentage points).

¹ December data for question 1b comes from a parallel survey of a nationally representative random sample of 1,772 registered voters interviewed by telephone between November 28 and December 10, 2007, which has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. This question was asked on a separate survey because of the desire to track opinions about the issues people most want to hear candidates discuss and the most important issue in their choice for president. In order to avoid biasing answers to these questions by asking them of the same group, and to preserve a large enough sample for subgroup analysis, the questions were asked of separate samples on separate surveys.

Trends

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

Note: mentions less than 6 percent not shown.

For full question wording and results, see http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/h08_posr081908pkg.cfm.

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Economy				
Aug08	49	43	54	50
Apr08	48	43	51	54
Feb08	43	41	41	46
Dec07	23	18	23	26
Iraq				
Aug08	25	20	32	21
Apr08	30	21	36	36
Feb08	29	18	37	30
Dec07	30	28	35	30
Gas prices/Energy				
Aug08	18	24	13	17
Apr08	8	6	9	7
Feb08	1	1	2	1
Dec07	5	3	6	4
Health care				
Aug08	16	9	22	13
Apr08	20	16	27	17
Feb08	21	11	27	19
Dec07	21	15	30	19
Terrorism/nat'l security				
Aug08	7	13	1	9
Apr08	7	13	2	8
Feb08	9	21	1	11
Dec07	9	14	4	11
Personal Characteristics*				
Aug08	7	9	5	7
Taxes				
Aug08	6	8	4	6
Apr08	5	7	2	6
Feb08	7	9	7	4
Dec07	6	6	3	11

*Personal characteristics is a new category in August 2008, added to reflect how voters' priorities have shifted in the general election.

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)

AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS:	TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Making health care and health insurance more affordable Aug08	53	52	54	51
Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured Aug08	18	7	26	18
Improving the quality of care and reducing medical errors Aug08	10	13	8	12
Reducing spending on gov't health programs like Medicare/Medicaid Aug08	6	10	4	7
Reducing the total amount the country spends on health care Aug08	5	7	3	7
None of these (VOL) Aug08	3	6	2	3
Other issue (VOL) Aug08	2	3	1	1
Don't know/Refused Aug08	2	2	2	1

3. 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)?

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Percent of total sample saying each was a "serious problem"

a. Problems paying for health care or health insurance Aug08	22
Jun08	25
Apr08	28
b. Problems paying for gas Aug08	36
Jun08	43
Apr08	44
c. Problems getting a good-paying job or a raise in pay Aug08	23
Jun08	27
Apr08	29
d. Problems paying your rent/mortgage Aug08	14
Jun08	14
Apr08	19
e. Losing money in the stock market Aug08	15
Jun08	15
Apr08	16
f. Problems with credit card or other personal debt Aug08	15
Jun08	16
Apr08	18
g. Problems paying for food Aug08	17
Jun08	19
Apr08	18

4. 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)

Note: only remaining candidates at the time of the survey shown

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Named any candidate (NET)				
Aug08	71	72	81	64
Jun08	71	70	80	62
Apr08	70	67	84	60
Feb08	68	60	80	63
Dec07	48	42	63	41
Oct07	51	43	61	49
Aug07	43	33	59	40
Jun07	43	35	58	33
Mar07	36	29	48	31
Barack Obama				
Aug08	42	9	73	37
Jun08	28	6	45	27
Apr08	20	6	33	19
Feb08	19	8	28	19
Dec07	6	2	12	3
Oct07	8	2	14	5
Aug07	6	3	9	7
Jun07	9	4	14	8
Mar07	6	3	9	5
John McCain				
Aug08	24	61	5	21
Jun08	20	53	3	16
Apr08	19	51	3	16
Feb08	11	24	2	11
Dec07	1	2	1	1
Oct07	1	1	1	2
Aug07	1	2	*	1
Jun07	2	6	*	2
Mar07	3	4	2	3
Don't know/No candidate				
Aug08	29	28	19	36
Jun08	29	30	20	38
Apr08	30	33	16	40
Feb08	32	40	20	37
Dec07	52	58	37	59
Oct07	49	57	39	51
Aug07	57	67	41	60
Jun07	57	65	42	67
Mar07	64	71	52	69

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)

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Barack Obama	58	29	82	56
John McCain	20	47	7	13
Both equally (VOL.)	2	2	2	4
Neither (VOL.)	9	10	5	13
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	10	12	4	14

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

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
a. Make health care and health insurance more affordable				
Barack Obama	54	22	82	49
John McCain	20	46	5	18
Both (VOL.)	2	1	1	3
Neither (VOL.)	10	14	5	14
Don't know/Refused	13	17	7	16
b. Make sure that Americans who don't currently have health insurance get it				
Barack Obama	63	38	83	60
John McCain	15	34	4	12
Both (VOL.)	2	2	2	2
Neither (VOL.)	9	11	5	12
Don't know/Refused	11	15	6	13
c. Lower the total amount the country spends on health care				
Barack Obama	34	12	56	25
John McCain	36	60	22	38
Both (VOL.)	1	1	1	1
Neither (VOL.)	13	11	9	17
Don't know/Refused	16	15	12	19
d. Lower the federal budget deficit				
Barack Obama	40	9	72	31
John McCain	34	68	11	37
Both (VOL.)	1	1	2	1
Neither (VOL.)	13	12	8	17
Don't know/Refused	11	10	7	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)

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
a. Low-income people				
Barack Obama	62	39	84	56
John McCain	15	34	4	13
Both (VOL.)	1	1	1	1
Neither (VOL.)	6	7	3	8
Don't know/Refused	16	19	8	22
b. Working families				
Barack Obama	51	18	80	46
John McCain	23	55	6	21
Both (VOL.)	1	1	2	*
Neither (VOL.)	7	6	3	8
Don't know/Refused	18	21	9	24
c. The uninsured				
Barack Obama	60	37	82	55
John McCain	14	32	4	11
Both (VOL.)	1	*	1	1
Neither (VOL.)	7	7	3	10
Don't know/Refused	19	23	10	23
d. Children				
Barack Obama	52	23	78	47
John McCain	16	40	5	12
Both (VOL.)	3	3	3	2
Neither (VOL.)	7	7	2	9
Don't know/Refused	22	27	12	29
e. The elderly				
Barack Obama	43	18	70	35
John McCain	26	52	11	26
Both (VOL.)	1	1	2	1
Neither (VOL.)	7	2	4	9
Don't know/Refused	23	1	12	30
f. Employers				
Barack Obama	27	12	46	26
John McCain	40	57	28	43
Both (VOL.)	1	*	2	1
Neither (VOL.)	6	6	4	7
Don't know/Refused	26	25	20	33
g. Health insurance companies				
Barack Obama	25	15	37	19
John McCain	41	47	41	39
Both (VOL.)	2	1	2	3
Neither (VOL.)	7	9	4	8
Don't know/Refused	24	28	15	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?

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Have bought/tried to buy insurance on own				
Aug08	43	48	40	43
Have not bought/tried to buy insurance on own				
Aug08	56	51	60	57
Don't know/Refused				
Aug08	1	1	1	--

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

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

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Very easy				
Aug08	26	36	16	25
Somewhat easy				
Aug08	22	27	19	23
Somewhat difficult				
Aug08	23	16	30	22
Very difficult				
Aug08	28	22	32	27
Don't know/Refused				
Aug08	1	--	2	2

10. 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

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Get health insurance through own/ spouse's employer at work				
Aug08	47	51	50	41
Jun08	39	46	37	36
Buy health insurance on your own				
Aug08	13	12	12	17
Jun08	17	18	13	15
Doesn't make much difference				
Aug08	36	36	34	39
Jun08	43	36	48	47
Don't know/Refused				
Aug08	4	1	4	4
Jun08	1	1	2	1

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 purchasing your own coverage, do you think it would make it EASIER or HARDER for you to, or wouldn't it make much difference? For full question wording and results, see http://www.kff.org/kaiserpolls/h08_posr081908pkg.cfm.

Based on those registered voters who are insured through their own/their spouse's employer

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: Easier	No diff.	Harder
Get a good price for health insurance			
Aug08	5	8	81
Jun08	6	9	81
Find or keep health insurance if you are sick			
Aug08	5	12	78
Jun08	4	12	80
Handle administrative issues, such as filing a claim or signing up for a policy			
Aug08	8	22	65
Jun08	6	26	64
Find a plan that matches your needs well			
Aug08	15	18	61
Jun08	15	19	63

12. Now having thought about these issues, would you say you prefer to get health insurance through your/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 voters insured through an employer who prefer to buy own insurance or are indifferent

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Get health insurance through employer/ spouse's employer at work				
Aug08	56	57	54	58
Buy health insurance on your own				
Aug08	13	18	11	13
Doesn't make much difference				
Aug08	30	25	33	28
Don't know/Refused				
Aug08	1	*	1	--

Q10/Q12 Combination Table.

Based on those registered voters who are insured through their own/their spouse's employer

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Get health insurance through own/ spouse's employer at work				
Aug08	75	79	75	73
Initially say they prefer to get health insurance through an employer				
Aug08	47	51	50	41
Say they prefer to get health insurance through an employer after hearing considerations in Q11				
Aug08	28	28	25	32
Buy health insurance on your own				
Aug08	7	8	5	7
Doesn't make much difference				
Aug08	15	12	15	16
Don't know/Refused				
Aug08	4	1	5	4

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?

	AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: TOTAL	REP	DEM	IND
Very helpful				
Aug08	31	32	29	33
Somewhat helpful				
Aug08	39	39	40	41
Not too helpful				
Aug08	7	6	8	6
Not at all helpful				
Aug08	14	14	13	14
Don't know/Refused				
Aug08	9	9	10	7

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