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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 October 8 through October 13, 2008, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,217 adults ages 18 and older, including 1,115 adults who say they are registered to vote. Of these registered voters, there are 333 self-identified Republicans, 407 self-identified Democrats, and 297 self-identified independents. Telephone interviews were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates.

The margin of sampling error for the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for the sample of registered voters it is plus or minus 4 percentage points; for registered voters who self-identify as Democrats it is plus or minus 6 percentage points and for those who self-identify as Republicans and independents it is plus or minus 7 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error is higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

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

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

Due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100.

1. Thinking about the campaign for the presidential election in 2008, what 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 RVs</u>	<u>Rep RVs</u>	<u>Dem RVs</u>	<u>Ind RVs</u>	
<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	Economic issues (Net)
55	56	51	60	57	Economy (general)
2	2	2	2	2	Jobs
5	4	2	5	8	Other economy mentions
<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	Iraq/War in Iraq
<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	Health care (Net)
9	9	5	14	6	Health care (general)
1	1	--	1	1	The uninsured/access to health care/universal coverage
1	1	1	*	*	Health care costs
*	*	1	*	--	Other health care mentions
<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	Personal characteristics
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	Terrorism/National security (Net)
5	6	13	1	7	National security
1	1	2	*	2	Terrorism/war on terror
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Gas prices/Energy (Net)
4	4	4	4	6	Gas prices
1	1	--	1	1	Energy issues
<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	Taxes
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	Morality issues (Net)
3	3	9	1	1	Abortion
1	1	2	--	1	Moral issues (general)
*	*	1	--	--	Same sex marriage/gay marriage
*	*	*	*	1	Other mentions moral issues, values issues
<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	Immigration/illegal immigration
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	Stand on issues
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	Foreign affairs/not Iraq (Net)
*	*	*	*	1	Middle East
2	2	3	2	2	Other foreign affairs mentions
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	Specific candidate/party
<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	Frustration with government/Corruption (Net)
1	1	1	2	1	Other frustration with government mentions
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	*	Education/schools
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	*	Budget deficit/national debt
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1</b>	*	Social Security
*	<b>1</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Environmental issues/pollution/global warming
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	Other
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>--</b>	Nothing
<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	Don't know/Refused

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

2. As I read you some different issues, please tell me if you think the presidential candidates have paid too much attention, too little attention, or about the right amount of attention to each one during this year's campaign. (First,) what about... **(INSERT ITEM—READ AND RANDOMIZE)**

**READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Have the candidates paid too much attention to this issue, too little attention or about the right amount?

		<u>Too much attention</u>	<u>Too little attention</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Economic issues	<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>
	Total RVs:	9	50	37	3
	Republican RVs:	14	43	39	4
	Democratic RVs:	8	46	42	3
	Independent RVs:	5	60	31	4
b. Health care issues	<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>
	Total RVs:	9	54	34	3
	Republican RVs:	15	40	43	3
	Democratic RVs:	5	60	34	2
	Independent RVs:	11	56	26	6
c. Energy policy	<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>
	Total RVs:	8	55	34	3
	Republican RVs:	8	45	44	3
	Democratic RVs:	10	53	35	3
	Independent RVs:	6	64	27	3
d. The war in Iraq	<b>Total:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>
	Total RVs:	18	36	43	4
	Republican RVs:	16	29	51	4
	Democratic RVs:	20	37	40	3
	Independent RVs:	15	41	39	5
e. Terrorism	<b>Total:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>
	Total RVs:	16	47	34	3
	Republican RVs:	6	55	35	4
	Democratic RVs:	22	41	35	2
	Independent RVs:	18	45	34	3

3. 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**)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	<u>Rep RVs</u>	<u>Dem RVs</u>	<u>Ind RVs</u>	
50	50	51	50	46	Making health care and health insurance more affordable
25	23	9	35	23	Expanding health insurance coverage for the uninsured
11	11	13	8	13	Improving the quality of care and reducing medical errors
7	7	11	3	8	Reducing spending on government health programs like Medicare and Medicaid
6	6	12	2	6	Reducing the total amount the country spends on health care
1	2	3	1	0	None of these ( <b>VOL.</b> )
*	*	--	*	*	Other issue ( <b>VOL.</b> )
1	1	1	1	2	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused

4. 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**)?

**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?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	<u>Rep RVs</u>	<u>Dem RVs</u>	<u>Ind RVs</u>	
52	52	21	74	47	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
23	22	29	16	28	A new health plan that is more limited and would cover only some groups of the uninsured BUT would involve less new spending
16	17	36	6	15	Keeping things basically as they are
9	9	15	4	10	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused

5. Which comes closer to describing your own views? (**READ AND ROTATE**)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	<u>Rep RVs</u>	<u>Dem RVs</u>	<u>Ind RVs</u>	
34	34	54	21	34	Given the economic challenges facing the country, we cannot take on health care reform right now
62	62	42	75	61	Given the economic challenges facing the country, it is more important than ever to take on health care reform
5	4	4	4	5	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused

6F1. As a result of recent changes in the economy, have you or your family experienced any of the following problems, or not? (First/Next), **(INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)**? **IF YES ASK:** Was this a serious problem, or not?

*Asked of half sample*

	<u>Total problem</u>	<u>Serious problem</u>	<u>Not a serious problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Problems paying for health care and health insurance					
<b>Total (n=607):</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs (n=554):	41	26	15	59	*
Republican RVs (n=155):	31	16	15	69	--
Democratic RVs (n=203):	43	26	17	57	--
Independent RVs (n=152):	48	33	14	51	1
b. Problems paying for gas					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs:	56	37	19	44	*
Republican RVs:	47	28	19	53	--
Democratic RVs:	61	41	20	39	--
Independent RVs:	56	37	19	43	1
c. Problems getting a good-paying job or a raise in pay					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2</b>
Total RVs:	45	34	11	53	2
Republican RVs:	34	20	14	61	5
Democratic RVs:	48	37	11	51	1
Independent RVs:	46	37	9	51	3
d. Problems paying your rent or mortgage					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs:	29	18	11	71	*
Republican RVs:	21	14	6	79	--
Democratic RVs:	30	18	11	70	*
Independent RVs:	34	18	16	66	*
e. Losing money in the stock market					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2</b>
Total RVs:	54	31	23	44	2
Republican RVs:	63	33	29	34	3
Democratic RVs:	53	35	18	47	*
Independent RVs:	49	25	23	46	5
f. Problems with credit card debt or other personal debt					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs:	33	20	13	67	*
Republican RVs:	28	16	13	72	--
Democratic RVs:	32	20	12	68	--
Independent RVs:	38	23	15	61	1
g. Problems paying for food					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs:	34	21	13	66	*
Republican RVs:	28	13	14	72	--
Democratic RVs:	34	23	11	66	*
Independent RVs:	38	24	14	61	1

**Total serious problem to any: 70%**

6F2. Thinking about your own family, how much would each of the following help your financial situation – A lot, a little, some, or not at all? (First), **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY:** Would this help your financial situation a lot, a little, some, or not at all?

*Asked of half sample*

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>(Vol.) NA</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Lower prices for health care and health insurance						
<b>Total (n=610):</b>	51	18	17	12	1	*
Total RVs (n=561):	50	18	18	12	2	*
Republican RVs (n=178):	32	23	26	17	2	--
Democratic RVs (n=204):	57	19	13	10	1	--
Independent RVs (n=145):	60	14	15	9	2	1
b. Lower gas prices						
<b>Total:</b>	73	10	12	4	1	*
Total RVs:	74	10	13	3	*	*
Republican RVs:	72	10	16	2	--	--
Democratic RVs:	77	8	11	3	1	*
Independent RVs:	74	11	10	4	1	--
c. Getting a raise						
<b>Total:</b>	57	12	11	11	8	*
Total RVs:	56	13	11	11	9	*
Republican RVs:	47	15	13	13	10	1
Democratic RVs:	58	13	10	11	8	--
Independent RVs:	63	10	12	8	6	1
d. Your rent or mortgage payment being lowered						
<b>Total:</b>	48	12	12	19	8	1
Total RVs:	44	14	12	21	9	1
Republican RVs:	31	16	12	28	12	2
Democratic RVs:	56	10	10	15	9	*
Independent RVs:	43	14	14	22	6	--
e. The stock market going back up						
<b>Total:</b>	45	15	14	19	6	1
Total RVs:	48	15	14	17	6	1
Republican RVs:	49	18	11	17	4	1
Democratic RVs:	43	13	19	19	6	1
Independent RVs:	52	12	13	14	8	*
f. Lower food prices						
<b>Total:</b>	64	17	16	3	*	*
Total RVs:	63	18	16	3	*	*
Republican RVs:	53	23	22	2	*	--
Democratic RVs:	69	17	11	3	--	*
Independent RVs:	69	11	17	3	*	--
g. Lower interest rates on your credit card						
<b>Total:</b>	38	11	11	30	9	1
Total RVs:	37	12	11	29	10	1
Republican RVs:	35	11	15	30	9	--
Democratic RVs:	39	13	11	25	10	1
Independent RVs:	32	10	11	36	12	*

7. 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**)

<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>	
55	54	15	85	47	Barack Obama
23	25	66	3	22	John McCain
*	*	--	1	1	Ralph Nader
*	*	--	--	1	Ron Paul
*	*	--	1	--	Hillary Clinton
*	*	*	--	--	Sarah Palin
1	*	*	--	1	Other candidate
1	1	--	2	1	Democratic candidate, non-specific
*	1	1	--	1	Republican candidate, non-specific
10	9	7	5	15	No candidate represents my views
5	4	5	2	6	Can't name a candidate
5	4	5	2	6	Don't know/Refused

8. 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*)

<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>	
67	67	42	88	64	Barack Obama
17	19	41	6	17	John McCain
3	3	3	2	5	Both equally ( <b>VOL.</b> )
7	6	9	2	8	Neither ( <b>VOL.</b> )
6	5	6	2	7	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused



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

	<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>(VOL.) Both</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Make health care and health insurance more affordable					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
Total RVs:	22	61	1	8	7
Republican RVs:	50	24	3	12	11
Democratic RVs:	5	88	*	2	5
Independent RVs:	20	61	2	10	7
b. Make sure that Americans who don't currently have health insurance get it					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Total RVs:	13	72	2	6	7
Republican RVs:	28	49	4	8	11
Democratic RVs:	3	89	1	2	5
Independent RVs:	12	72	1	9	7
c. Lower the total amount the country spends on health care					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>
Total RVs:	41	37	1	8	12
Republican RVs:	66	12	2	10	10
Democratic RVs:	22	60	2	5	11
Independent RVs:	45	28	1	11	16
d. Lower the federal budget deficit					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Total RVs:	33	45	2	10	10
Republican RVs:	71	11	2	11	4
Democratic RVs:	10	74	2	5	8
Independent RVs:	32	37	3	13	14

10. Would you say you have a basic understanding of what **(INSERT AND ROTATE)** is proposing to do on health care if he becomes president, or not? How about **(INSERT NEXT ITEM)**, would you say you have a basic understanding of what **(INSERT)** is proposing to do on health care if he becomes president, or not?

	<u>Yes, basic understanding</u>	<u>No, not a basic understanding</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. Barack Obama			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>
Total RVs:	80	17	2
Republican RVs:	75	24	2
Democratic RVs:	87	12	1
Independent RVs:	77	20	3
b. John McCain			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>
Total RVs:	68	30	2
Republican RVs:	75	24	2
Democratic RVs:	65	33	1
Independent RVs:	65	32	3

11. If (**INSERT – READ AND ROTATE**), do you think this would (**ROTATE:** help or hurt) the overall economic situation in the U.S., or wouldn't it make much difference?

	<u>Help</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	<u>No difference</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. All Americans had health insurance coverage				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>
Total RVs:	54	16	25	5
Republican RVs:	34	29	31	7
Democratic RVs:	69	6	22	3
Independent RVs:	51	16	25	8
b. The cost of health care in this country was significantly lowered				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>
Total RVs:	61	9	25	5
Republican RVs:	51	11	30	7
Democratic RVs:	67	7	23	3
Independent RVs:	63	10	21	6

12. When thinking about rising health care costs, which ONE of the following concerns you most... (**READ AND RANDOMIZE**)?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	
14	14	16	16	12	Increases in what the nation as a whole spends on health care
16	16	18	16	12	Increases in spending on government health insurance programs like Medicare and Medicaid
44	44	37	49	45	Increases in the amount people pay for their health insurance premiums and other out-of-pocket costs
14	13	18	8	14	Increases in the health insurance premiums that employers pay to cover their workers
5	5	4	3	8	All of these ( <b>VOL.</b> )
2	3	3	3	2	None of these ( <b>VOL.</b> )
6	5	4	4	6	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused

Q.13 Which of the following do you think would do a better job at keeping health care costs down...? (**READ AND ROTATE**)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	
46	45	23	61	45	Regulation by the federal government (or)
43	44	67	31	43	Competition in the marketplace (or)
2	2	1	2	4	Both ( <b>VOL.</b> )
3	3	3	2	3	Neither ( <b>VOL.</b> )
5	5	6	4	5	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused

Q.14 Now, thinking about government regulation of the health care industry today... Please tell me if you think there is too much, not enough, or about the right amount of government regulation in each of the following areas. (First,) what about... **(INSERT. READ AND RANDOMIZE)**. Do you think there is too much, not enough, or about the right amount of government regulation in this area?

		<u>Too much</u>	<u>Not enough</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. The safety of prescription medicines	<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6</b>
	Total RVs:	8	43	43	6
	Republican RVs:	11	33	51	5
	Democratic RVs:	7	50	37	7
	Independent RVs:	7	39	47	6
b. The cost of health insurance	<b>Total:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>
	Total RVs:	23	52	18	7
	Republican RVs:	25	38	28	8
	Democratic RVs:	21	59	15	4
	Independent RVs:	22	56	14	8
c. The cost of prescription medicines	<b>Total:</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>
	Total RVs:	22	49	23	6
	Republican RVs:	26	37	30	7
	Democratic RVs:	21	54	20	4
	Independent RVs:	21	53	20	6
d. The quality of doctors and hospitals	<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7</b>
	Total RVs:	10	37	46	7
	Republican RVs:	16	25	55	5
	Democratic RVs:	7	41	44	8
	Independent RVs:	9	38	47	6
e. How health insurance companies treat people with pre-existing health conditions	<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>
	Total RVs:	12	65	16	8
	Republican RVs:	14	51	24	10
	Democratic RVs:	11	72	13	4
	Independent RVs:	10	67	14	10

15. In the past year, have you or another family member living in your household... **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)** because of the COST, or not? **(IF 'YES' ASK Q16 FOR SAME ITEM BEFORE CONTINUING WITH NEXT ITEM IN Q15)**

16. Did the condition get worse as a result of **(READ CORRESPONDING ITEM)**?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Did not</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/</u>
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>got worse</u>	<u>get worse/DK</u>		<u>Ref.</u>
a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs:	30	17	12	70	1
Republican RVs:	17	7	10	83	--
Democratic RVs:	32	20	13	67	1
Independent RVs:	39	23	16	60	1
b. Not filled a prescription for a medicine					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs:	27	17	10	73	*
Republican RVs:	18	7	12	82	--
Democratic RVs:	32	21	11	68	*
Independent RVs:	28	21	7	72	1
c. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs:	22	13	9	78	*
Republican RVs:	9	3	6	91	--
Democratic RVs:	27	17	11	72	*
Independent RVs:	22	13	9	77	1
d. Had problems getting mental health care					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2</b>
Total RVs:	10	7	3	89	2
Republican RVs:	6	3	3	93	1
Democratic RVs:	12	9	4	86	2
Independent RVs:	10	9	1	89	1
e. Put off or postponed getting health care you needed					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs:	34	21	13	66	*
Republican RVs:	21	8	12	79	--
Democratic RVs:	36	23	13	63	*
Independent RVs:	44	30	15	55	1

17. In the past year, have you or anyone in your household ... **(ROTATE)** What about **(INSERT NEXT ITEM)**? In the past year, have you or anyone in your household done this?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Decided to stay in one job, rather than take another, mainly because the job you held at the time offered better health care benefits				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs:	26	64	10	*
Republican RVs:	19	71	10	*
Democratic RVs:	30	61	9	*
Independent RVs:	27	63	10	1
b. Decided to take a different job, rather than stay at a job, mainly because the new job offered better health care benefits				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs:	12	77	10	1
Republican RVs:	8	83	9	--
Democratic RVs:	15	74	10	1
Independent RVs:	13	77	9	1

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

	<u>Total RVs</u>	<u>Rep RVs</u>	<u>Dem RVs</u>	<u>Ind RVs</u>	
32	29	15	32	36	Yes
68	70	85	66	63	No
1	1	--	1	1	Don't know/Refused

19. 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*

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs<sup>1</sup></u>	
61	60	Major impact
35	37	Minor impact
5	3	No impact
--	--	Don't know/Refused
(n=308)	(n=261)	

<sup>1</sup> Sample sizes for registered voters by party are too small to report.

18. In the past 12 months, did you or another family member in your household have any problems paying medical bills, or not?
19. 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?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	
32	29	15	32	36	Yes, had problems paying medical bills
19	17	8	20	24	Major impact
11	10	7	12	12	Minor impact
2	1	1	1	*	No impact
68	70	85	66	63	No, did not have problems paying medical bills
1	1	--	1	1	Don't know/Refused

20. Would you say the amount of these medical bills was: **(READ IN ORDER)**

*Based on those who had problems paying medical bills in the past 12 months*

<u>Total</u>	Total	
	<u>RVs</u> <sup>2</sup>	
3	3	Less than \$100
18	18	\$100-\$500
19	19	\$500-\$1,000
58	59	Or more than \$1,000
2	1	Don't know/Refused
(n=308)	(n=261)	

18. In the past 12 months, did you or another family member in your household have any problems paying medical bills, or not?
20. Would you say the amount of these medical bills was: **(READ IN ORDER)**

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
<u>Total</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	<u>RVs</u>	
32	29	15	32	36	Yes, had problems paying medical bills
1	1	--	2	1	Less than \$100
6	5	3	5	7	\$100-\$500
6	5	2	7	7	\$500 - \$1,000
18	17	10	18	22	Or more than \$1,000
1	*	*	1	*	DK/Ref.
68	70	85	66	63	No, did not have problems paying medical bills
1	1	--	1	1	Don't know/Refused

<sup>2</sup> Sample sizes for registered voters by party are too small to report.

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

<u>Total</u>	Total <u>RVs</u>	
57	59	Married
7	5	Living with a partner
8	8	Widowed
8	7	Divorced
1	1	Separated
19	18	Never been married
1	1	Undesignated

D7. 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>	Total <u>RVs</u>	
84	89	Yes, insured
15	11	No, not insured
*	*	Don't know/Refused

D8. 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>	
45	45	A plan through your employer
17	18	A plan through your spouse's employer
8	7	A plan you purchased yourself
20	20	Medicare
4	3	Medicaid
3	3	Some other government program
3	3	Get insurance from somewhere else
*	*	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused

(n=1,093) (n=1,026)

D9. 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</u>	
	<u>RVs</u>	
11	10	Self-employed
39	39	Full-time for an employer
10	10	Part-time for an employer
22	23	Retired
14	13	Not employed
2	2	<b>(VOL.)</b> Homemaker
2	2	<b>(VOL.)</b> Student
2	1	<b>(VOL.)</b> Disabled
*	*	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused



21. Next, I'm going to read you a list of things that some people worry about and others do not. I'd like you to tell me how worried you are about each of the following things. (First/Next,) how worried are you about... **(INSERT – READ AND RANDOMIZE)**? (Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?)

	<u>Very Worried</u>	<u>Somewhat Worried</u>	<u>Not too Worried</u>	<u>Not at all Worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. Having to pay more for your health care or health insurance					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs:	37	34	14	14	*
Republican RVs:	26	38	20	16	--
Democratic RVs:	39	37	10	13	*
Independent RVs:	41	30	14	14	*
b. Not being able to afford the health care services you think you need					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs:	27	30	18	25	1
Republican RVs:	13	30	22	36	--
Democratic RVs:	31	32	15	20	1
Independent RVs:	31	29	18	22	--
c. The quality of health care services you receive getting worse					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>
Total RVs:	24	28	21	25	1
Republican RVs:	15	24	23	37	*
Democratic RVs:	29	30	19	20	2
Independent RVs:	27	28	23	22	--
d. Not being able to afford the prescription drugs you need					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs:	21	24	22	32	1
Republican RVs:	11	23	24	42	*
Democratic RVs:	27	26	21	26	*
Independent RVs:	22	23	22	31	1
e. Being the victim of a violent crime					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs:	15	24	30	31	1
Republican RVs:	10	30	24	36	*
Democratic RVs:	20	23	31	26	1
Independent RVs:	13	20	32	34	1
f. Being the victim of a terrorist attack					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs:	17	27	26	30	*
Republican RVs:	18	32	22	28	--
Democratic RVs:	19	24	28	29	*
Independent RVs:	14	26	27	33	1

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	<u>Very Worried</u>	<u>Somewhat Worried</u>	<u>Not too Worried</u>	<u>Not at all Worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
g. Your income not keeping up with rising prices					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs:	45	32	11	12	*
Republican RVs:	33	39	14	14	1
Democratic RVs:	53	27	9	11	*
Independent RVs:	45	34	9	11	*
h. Losing your savings in the stock market					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>
Total RVs:	31	20	12	36	1
Republican RVs:	28	27	11	33	1
Democratic RVs:	33	20	11	35	2
Independent RVs:	32	15	12	40	1
i. Not being able to pay your rent or mortgage					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs:	22	21	17	39	1
Republican RVs:	12	18	20	49	1
Democratic RVs:	29	23	15	33	1
Independent RVs:	20	23	18	38	1
<b>Item J based on those who are employed</b>					
j. Losing your job					
<b>Total (n=635):</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>*</b>
Total RVs (n=580):	25	19	23	34	*
Republican RVs (n=175):	17	13	22	47	1
Democratic RVs (n=200):	31	21	21	27	--
Independent RVs (n=170):	22	20	25	33	--
<b>Item K based on those who are employed and insured</b>					
k. Having to stay in your current job instead of taking a new job for fear of losing health benefits					
<b>Total (n=561):</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs (n=527):	13	16	21	48	1
Republican RVs (n=169):	8	12	21	57	1
Democratic RVs (n=179):	13	22	25	39	1
Independent RVs (n=148):	20	15	16	48	2

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	<u>Very Worried</u>	<u>Somewhat Worried</u>	<u>Not too Worried</u>	<u>Not at all Worried</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
<b><i>Item L based on those who are insured</i></b>					
1. Losing your health insurance coverage					
<b>Total (n=1,093):</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
Total RVs (n=1,026):	27	20	20	33	*
Republican RVs (n=322):	16	24	19	42	--
Democratic RVs (n=364):	31	21	23	24	1
Independent RVs (n=268):	32	17	17	35	*
<b><i>Item M based on those who are insured</i></b>					
m. Your HEALTH PLAN being more concerned about saving money for the plan than about what is the best treatment for you					
<b>Total (n=1,093):</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>
Total RVs (n=1,026):	26	32	17	24	2
Republican RVs (n=322):	17	36	15	31	1
Democratic RVs (n=364):	29	33	19	17	2
Independent RVs (n=268):	28	29	15	27	1

**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>	
48	47	Male
52	53	Female

**D2. 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>	
16	14	No doctor's visits
15	16	1 time
15	15	2 times
22	23	3-4 times
24	25	5-12 times
7	7	13 or more times
2	1	Don't know/Refused

b. Had an overnight stay in a hospital

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
82	82	No hospital overnight stays
9	9	1 time
8	8	2 or more times
1	*	Don't know/Refused

c. Gone to a hospital emergency room for medical treatment

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
67	68	No emergency room visits
17	17	1 time
15	15	2 or more times
1	*	Don't know/Refused

D3. 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>	
41	43	Yes
58	56	No
1	1	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused

D4. What is your age? (**RECORD EXACT AGE AS TWO-DIGIT CODE.**)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ years

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
16	16	18-29
39	37	30-49
24	26	50-64
18	19	65 and older
2	2	Undesignated

D5. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
17	17	Excellent
32	34	Very good
34	32	Good
12	12	Only fair
4	3	Poor
1	*	Don't know/Refused

D10. Do you have a disability, handicap or chronic disease that keeps you from participating fully in work, housework, school or other activities?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
18	18	Yes
81	82	No
1	*	Don't know/Refused

D10a. 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?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
16	15	Yes
83	84	No
1	1	Don't know/Refused

D11. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
24	26	Republican
39	40	Democrat
29	27	Independent
4	3	Or what?
5	4	Don't know/Refused

D11. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

D11a. Do you LEAN more towards the [ROTATE: Republican Party or the Democratic Party/Democratic Party or the Republican Party]?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
33	36	Republican/Lean Republican
53	53	Democrat/Lean Democratic
14	12	Refused to Lean

D12. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

87	Yes
12	No
1	Don't know/Refused

D12a. Would you say you definitely know who you are voting for for president in November, or are you undecided at this time?

***Based on registered voters interviewed October 10-13 (n=896)***

76	Definitely know who will vote for
23	Still undecided
*	Not planning to vote/not planning to vote for president (VOL.)
*	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know/Refused

D13. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
23	23	Liberal
42	41	Moderate
29	30	Conservative
6	5	Don't know/Refused

D14. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? **(DO NOT READ)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
2	2	None, or grade 1-8
8	6	High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
32	30	High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
4	4	Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school
23	25	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

D15. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Total RVs</u>	
36	34	Yes
64	66	No
1	*	Don't know/Refused

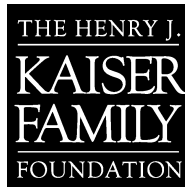
D16. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D17. 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	74	White, Non Hispanic
28	25	Total Non-White
10	10	Black or African-American
12	9	Hispanic
3	3	Asian
2	2	Other or mixed race
2	1	Undesignated

D18. 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>	
14	11	Less than \$20,000
11	10	\$20,000 to less than \$30,000
18	19	\$30,000 to less than \$50,000
18	18	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
10	11	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
13	14	\$100,000 or more
17	16	<b>(DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know /Refused



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