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Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation *Survey on the U.S. Role in Global Health Update* was designed and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Elizabeth Hamel, Sarah Cho and Sasha Buscho. The survey was conducted by telephone between October 21 – 28, 2009, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,205 adults ages 18 and older. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (N=799) and cell phone (N=406, including 147 who had no landline telephone) were carried out in English and Spanish by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. Results for all groups have been weighted to reflect their actual distribution in the nation.

The margin of sampling error for the overall survey is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Please note:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100% due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- “Vol.” indicates that a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice.
- Trends in this document come from surveys listed on the last page

READ TO ALL: I'm going to ask you some questions about the role the United States plays in the world today...

1. Do you think the U.S. is now spending [ROTATE: (too much,)/(too little,)] or about the right amount on foreign aid?

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>03/09</u>	<u>05/04</u>	<u>06/02</u>
Too much	47	52	62	56
Too little	15	19	10	8
About the right amount	27	17	18	22
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	10	11	11	14

2. When you hear the term foreign aid, do you think U.S. foreign aid includes each of the following, or not? (First/next,) do you think U.S. foreign aid includes spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE), or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. military assistance	10/09	69	28	3
b. helping developing countries improve their health care systems	10/09	70	26	4
c. preventing and treating disease in developing countries	10/09	77	21	2
d. building and strengthening infrastructure in developing countries, such as building roads and providing electricity	10/09	67	29	5

READ TO ALL: Next, thinking about developing countries such as those in Africa, Asia, and Latin America...

3. Do you think the U.S. is now spending [ROTATE: (too much), (too little)], or about the right amount on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE – ALWAYS ASK ITEM a FIRST) in developing countries?

		<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a. efforts to improve health for people	10/09	25	34	32	9
	03/09	23	26	39	12
Items b-d based on Form A half sample					
b. preventing and treating HIV ¹	10/09	16	43	33	9
	03/09	16	37	29	18
	04/06	13	56	13	18
	06/02	16	31	34	20
c. reducing poverty	10/09	23	43	26	7
d. preventing and treating malaria	10/09	16	35	31	17
Items e-g based on Form B half sample					
e. building and improving hospitals and other health care facilities	10/09	18	36	36	10
f. improving access to clean water	10/09	13	41	36	11
g. preventing and treating Tuberculosis	10/09	13	33	35	19

4. Which of the following comes closer to your view? Given the serious economic problems facing the country and the world right now... (READ AND ROTATE)

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>03/09</u>
The U.S. cannot afford to spend more money on improving health for people in developing countries	62	71
It is more important than ever for the U.S. to spend more money on improving health for people in developing countries	33	23
Don't know/Refused	5	6

1 Trend item used slightly different wording: "to deal with the HIV/AIDS problem in developing countries".

5. Do you think President Obama is placing [ROTATE: (more emphasis), (less emphasis)], or about the same amount of emphasis as previous presidents on improving health for people in developing countries?

Based on Form A half sample

	<u>10/09</u>
More emphasis	41
Less emphasis	14
About the same amount of emphasis	31
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	14

6. Do you think members of Congress today are placing [ROTATE: (more emphasis), (less emphasis)], or about the same amount of emphasis as they were five years ago on improving health for people in developing countries?

Based on Form B half sample

	<u>10/09</u>
More emphasis	30
Less emphasis	29
About the same amount of emphasis	31
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	10

7. How much, if anything, have you heard about President Obama's GLOBAL health initiative to address health problems in developing countries? Would you say you have heard a lot, some, only a little, or nothing at all?

	<u>10/09</u>
A lot	10
Some	27
Only a little	37
Nothing at all	25
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	1

8. When it comes to efforts to improve health for people in developing countries, do you think the U.S. should or should not give money (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)?

		<u>Should give money</u>	<u>Should not give money</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
a. directly to governments in developing countries	10/09	29	66	5
b. directly to local non-profit organizations in developing countries	10/09	53	42	5
c. to religious or faith-based organizations working to improve health in developing countries	10/09	55	40	5
d. to international organizations like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria	10/09	74	22	4

9. When giving aid to improve health in developing countries, do you think it is best for the U.S. to [ROTATE: (give aid directly on its own), or to (participate in international efforts, through organizations like the Global Fund)]?

Based on Form A half sample

	<u>10/09</u>
Give aid directly on its own	45
Participate in international efforts	43
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	11

10. Which comes closer to your opinion? When giving aid to improve health in developing countries... (READ AND ROTATE)

Based on Form B half sample

	<u>10/09</u>
It is best for the U.S. to participate in international efforts, so that other countries will do their fair share and these efforts will be better coordinated (or)	55
It is best for the U.S. to do so on its own, so that the U.S. has more control over how the money is spent and will get more credit and influence in the country receiving aid (or)	39
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	6

11.	Which type of aid do you think is more likely to reach the people who need it most: (money donated by private charities), (money donated by the U.S. government and other developed country governments), or it doesn't make much difference? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENS)		
		<u>10/09</u>	
	Money donated by private charities	30	
	Money donated by the U.S. government and other developed countries	16	
	Doesn't make much difference	50	
	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	4	
12.	There is some discussion about how best to distribute U.S. aid for improving health in developing countries. Which do you think is more important? (READ AND ROTATE)		
		<u>10/09</u>	
	Emphasizing programs to help developing countries build up their overall health systems, because stronger health systems can better handle a variety of problems and not just one disease	58	
	Emphasizing programs that fight specific diseases like AIDS and malaria, because we have efficient methods for treating these diseases that can save large numbers of lives	36	
	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	6	
13.	Do you think U.S. spending to improve health in developing countries (helps protect the health of Americans by preventing the spread of epidemics to the U.S.), or do you think such spending (helps people in those countries but doesn't do much to protect Americans' health)? (ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENS)		
		<u>10/09</u>	
	Helps protect the health of Americans	55	
	Helps people in those countries but doesn't protect Americans' health	40	
	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	5	
14.	In general, do you think more spending from the U.S. and other developed countries will lead to meaningful progress in improving health for people in developing countries, OR that spending more money won't make much difference?		
		<u>10/09</u>	<u>03/09</u>
	Will lead to meaningful progress	51	40
	Won't make much difference	43	51
	Depends (VOL.)	--	5
	(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	6	4

15. Next I'm going to read you some different areas of spending. For each, I'd like you to tell me if you think more spending from the U.S. and other developed countries in this area will lead to meaningful progress in improving health, OR that spending more money won't make much difference. (First/Next), do you think more spending on (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) in developing countries will lead to meaningful progress in improving health, or that spending more money won't make much difference?

		Lead to meaningful <u>progress</u>	Won't make much <u>difference</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
<i>Items a-h based on Form A half sample</i>				
a. Preventing and treating HIV/AIDS	10/09	69	30	1
c. Improving access to clean water	10/09	81	18	1
d. Building and improving hospitals and other health care facilities	10/09	77	21	2
e. Improving access to prenatal care for pregnant women	10/09	70	29	1
f. Preventing and treating heart disease and other chronic diseases	10/09	56	42	2
g. Reducing poverty	10/09	61	38	1
h. Improving education	10/09	79	19	2
<i>Items i-o based on Form B half sample</i>				
i. Preventing and treating tuberculosis and malaria	10/09	71	27	2
k. Reducing hunger and malnutrition	10/09	69	28	3
l. Children's health, including vaccinations	10/09	83	15	2
m. Efforts to improve training and expand the supply of medical professionals	10/09	75	23	2
n. Combating global pandemic diseases like swine flu	10/09	64	34	2
o. Improving employment opportunities	10/09	56	41	3

READ TO ALL: 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

Male	49
Female	51

D2. What is your age? [ENTER AGE] / ASK IF REFUSED:

D2a. Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ)

18-29	21
30-49	37
50-64	25
65 and older	16
Undesignated	1

D3. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat/Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

Republican	23
Democratic	37
Independent	31
Or What? (includes <i>Other</i> and <i>None</i>)	5
Don't know/Refused	4

D4. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal	21
Moderate	40
Conservative	35
Don't know/Refused	5

D5. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

None, or grade 1-8	3
High School incomplete (grade 9-11)	9
High School graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)	30
Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school	5
Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)	24
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)	19
Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., towards a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school)	9
Don't know/Refused	*

D6. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

D7. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

White, non-Hispanic	68
Total non-White	30
Black or African-American	11
Hispanic	14
Asian	4
Other mixed race	1
Undesignated	1

D8. Last year, that is in 2008, what was your total family income from all sources, BEFORE taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. (READ)

Less than \$20,000	15
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	14
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	10
\$100,000 or more	10
(DO NOT READ) Don't know	4
(DO NOT READ) Refused	9

D9. In general, how much attention do you pay to issues related to global health? (READ)

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>03/09</u>
A lot of attention	18	22
Some attention	54	52
Not much attention or	23	19
No attention at all?	5	6
(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused	*	1

D11. In the past five years, have you traveled to a developing country, such as those in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, or not?

Yes	15
No	85
Don't know/Refused	*

D12. In the past year, have you personally donated money to an organization that works to improve health for people in developing countries, or not?

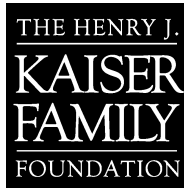
Yes	34
No	65
Don't know/Refused	1

D13. And in the past year, have you personally volunteered at an organization that works to improve health for people in developing countries, or not?

Yes	11
No	88
Don't know/Refused	1

Trend Information:

- 03/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *U.S. Role in Global Health Survey* (January 26 – March 8, 2009). N=2,554 national adults, age 18 and older, including oversamples of African Americans, Hispanics, and 18-29 year olds.
- 04/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *2006 HIV/AIDS Survey* (March 24 – April 18, 2006). N=2,517 national adults, age 18 or older.
- 05/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *2004 HIV/AIDS Survey* (March 15 – May 11, 2004). N=2,902 national adults, age 18 and older.
- 06/02: Kaiser Family Foundation *2002 HIV/AIDS Survey* (June 13-23, 2002). N=1,402 national adults, age 18 and older.



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