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***Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: June 2010***

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### Methodology

This *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation led by Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D., including Claudia Deane, Carolina Gutiérrez, Sarah Cho, and Theresa Boston. The survey was conducted June 17 through June 22, 2010, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,207 adults ages 18 and older, including 1,066 adults who say they are registered to vote. Telephone interviews conducted by landline (806) and cell phone (401, including 105 who had no landline telephone) 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 4 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.

Trends in this document come from surveys listed on the last page.

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 2010 Congressional elections, how important will each of the following issues be to your vote for Congress this year? First (INSERT AND RANDOM IZE) ...(READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Will that be extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important to your vote for Congress this year?) How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

|    |                                     | Extremely<br>important | Very<br>important | Somewhat<br>important | Not too<br>important | (VOL.) Don't vote/<br>Not registered/<br>Don't plan to vote | DK/ Ref. |
|----|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|----------|
| a. | The economy                         |                        |                   |                       |                      |   |          |
|    | 6/10 Total                          | 52                     | 38                | 7                     | 2                    | 1   | *        |
|    | 6/10 RVs <sup>1</sup>               | 52                     | 39                | 7                     | 2                    | *   | *        |
| b. | The wars in Iraq and<br>Afghanistan |                        |                   |                       |                      |   |          |
|    | 6/10 Total                          | 37                     | 38                | 16                    | 8                    | 1   | *        |
|    | 6/10 RVs                            | 37                     | 38                | 17                    | 8                    | *   | *        |
| c. | Health care                         |                        |                   |                       |                      |   |          |
|    | 6/10 Total                          | 41                     | 37                | 13                    | 7                    | 1   | 1        |
|    | 6/10 RVs                            | 42                     | 36                | 13                    | 7                    | *   | 1        |
| d. | Unemployment                        |                        |                   |                       |                      |   |          |
|    | 6/10 Total                          | 41                     | 40                | 14                    | 4                    | 1   | *        |
|    | 6/10 RVs                            | 40                     | 41                | 14                    | 4                    | *   | *        |
| e. | The budget deficit                  |                        |                   |                       |                      |   |          |
|    | 6/10 Total                          | 42                     | 35                | 16                    | 5                    | 1   | 1        |
|    | 6/10 RVs                            | 44                     | 35                | 15                    | 5                    | *   | 1        |
| f. | Dissatisfaction with<br>government  |                        |                   |                       |                      |   |          |
|    | 6/10 Total                          | 36                     | 33                | 19                    | 9                    | 1   | 2        |
|    | 6/10 RVs                            | 37                     | 32                | 20                    | 9                    | *   | 2        |
| g. | Energy policy                       |                        |                   |                       |                      |   |          |
|    | 6/10 Total                          | 25                     | 39                | 24                    | 9                    | 1   | 2        |
|    | 6/10 RVs                            | 26                     | 39                | 24                    | 8                    | *   | 2        |
| h. | The Gulf Coast oil spill            |                        |                   |                       |                      |   |          |
|    | 6/10 Total                          | 45                     | 35                | 12                    | 6                    | 1   | *        |
|    | 6/10 RVs                            | 45                     | 35                | 13                    | 6                    | *   | 1        |

<sup>1</sup> Throughout this topline, the abbreviation "RVs" stands for "registered voters."

2. Of the issues you said would be extremely important to your vote for Congress in November, which one would you say will be MOST important? [READ ITEMS THAT RECEIVED 'EXTREMELY IMPORTANT' RESPONSE IN Q1 IN SAME ORDER]<sup>2</sup>

**Based on Total respondents**

|                                  | 06/10<br>Total | 06/10<br>RVs |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| The economy                      | 18             | 17           |
| Dissatisfaction with government  | 12             | 13           |
| Health care                      | 11             | 12           |
| Unemployment                     | 11             | 12           |
| The Gulf Coast oil spill         | 9              | 9            |
| The budget deficit               | 8              | 9            |
| The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan | 6              | 7            |
| Energy policy                    | 2              | 2            |
| (DO NOT READ) None/Other         | 20             | 20           |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | 1              | 1            |
| (DO NOT READ) Not voting         | 1              | *            |

3. Please tell me which of the following will be most important when you decide how to vote for Congress this year. Is it (READ AND ROTATE OPTIONS 1 AND 3—KEEP 2 ALWAYS IN THE MIDDLE)...

|   | 06/10<br>Total | 06/10<br>RVs |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| The candidates' leadership abilities, character, values, and experience | 30             | 29           |
| The candidates' stands on the issues                                    | 33             | 34           |
| The direction of the nation as a whole                                  | 30             | 29           |
| (DO NOT READ) None/Other  | 1              | 1            |
| (DO NOT READ) All   | 3              | 4            |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote    | 2              | 1            |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused  | 2              | 2            |

<sup>2</sup> Question only asked of respondents who said more than one issue is 'extremely important'; table includes those who said only one or no issue is 'extremely important'. Table is based on total respondents.

4. Earlier you mentioned that health care was one of the issues that will be extremely important to your vote in November. Can you tell me more specifically what you mean by that? (OPEN-END)

**Based on those who say health care will be extremely important to their vote for Congress this year**

|   | 06/10<br>Total | 06/10<br>RVs |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Mention health care reform law (NET)</b>   | <b>67</b>      | <b>67</b>    |
| <b>Positive mention (NET)</b>   | <b>35</b>      | <b>35</b>    |
| Everyone/People need health care/ Want candidate to support health care/expanding coverage/goals of health reform law | 35             | 35           |
| <b>Negative mention (NET)</b>   | <b>26</b>      | <b>27</b>    |
| Want government out of health care/negative comment about government run programs                                     | 9              | 9            |
| Want bill repealed/support candidate who will oppose/work to overturn   | 6              | 6            |
| Opposed to plan/health care reform generally  | 5              | 6            |
| Concerned health care law will impact seniors   | 4              | 4            |
| Opposed to individual mandate/other specified provision(s)  | 4              | 3            |
| Concerned new law will raise prices   | 2              | 2            |
| Dislike the way the bill was passed   | 2              | 2            |
| <b>General mention (NET)</b>  | <b>9</b>       | <b>9</b>     |
| Want to see more work on bill/changes to bill   | 5              | 5            |
| Need time to understand/get information/see the impact of the bill  | 3              | 2            |
| Health reform law -- unclear pro or con   | 2              | 2            |
| <b>Other health care mention (NET)</b>  | <b>32</b>      | <b>32</b>    |
| Concern about health care costs   | 16             | 17           |
| Health care personally important/self-family in need of health care   | 10             | 9            |
| Concerned about quality/Coverage/service will go down   | 3              | 4            |
| Concerns about debt and deficit/effect on the economy   | 3              | 3            |
| Senior concerns (no mention specifically of the health care reform bill)  | 3              | 3            |
| Insurance/HMO/Pharmaceutical companies need more regulation   | 2              | 2            |
| <b>Misc.</b>  | <b>12</b>      | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>(DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused</b>   | <b>6</b>       | <b>6</b>     |
|   | (n=493)        | (n=452)      |

Note: Totals may exceed 100% due to multiple responses.

5. As you may know, a new health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year. Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? [ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES] [Is that a very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) opinion?]

|                                  | 06/10 | 05/10 | 04/10 <sup>3</sup> |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| Very favorable                   | 20    | 14    | 23                 |
| Somewhat favorable               | 28    | 27    | 23                 |
| Somewhat unfavorable             | 16    | 12    | 10                 |
| Very unfavorable                 | 25    | 32    | 30                 |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | 10    | 14    | 14                 |

<sup>3</sup> Trend wording was slightly different: “[President Obama did sign a health reform bill into law last month...] Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally (favorable) or generally (unfavorable) opinion of it? (Is that a very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?)”

5a. Given that you have an unfavorable view of the health reform law, which comes closer to your view of what should happen now (READ AND ROTATE):

**Based on those who have an unfavorable view of the new health reform law (n=526)**

|  | 06/10 |
|--|-------|
| The law should be given a chance to work, with Congress making necessary changes along the way | 29    |
| The law should be repealed as soon as possible   | 66    |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused   | 5     |

**Q5/5a. Summary table based on Total**

|  | 6/10      |
|--|-----------|
| <b>Unfavorable (NET)</b>   | <b>41</b> |
| The law should be given a chance to work, with Congress making necessary changes along the way | 12        |
| The law should be repealed as soon as possible   | 27        |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused   | 2         |
| <b>Favorable (NET)</b>   | <b>48</b> |
| <b>Don't know/Refused</b>  | <b>10</b> |

6. Do you think (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE) will be (better off) or (worse off) under the new health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference? (ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES)

|                           | Better off | Worse off | Won't make much difference | (VOL.) Depends | DK/Ref. |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| a. You and your family    |            |           |                            |                |         |
| 06/10                     | 28         | 28        | 39                         | --             | 5       |
| 05/10                     | 29         | 30        | 32                         | --             | 9       |
| 04/10                     | 31         | 32        | 30                         | --             | 8       |
| 03/10 <sup>4</sup>        | 35         | 32        | 28                         | 2              | 3       |
| 02/10                     | 34         | 32        | 26                         | 3              | 5       |
| 01/10                     | 32         | 33        | 29                         | 3              | 4       |
| 12/09                     | 35         | 27        | 32                         | 3              | 3       |
| 11/09                     | 42         | 24        | 27                         | 3              | 4       |
| 10/09                     | 41         | 27        | 28                         | 2              | 3       |
| 09/09                     | 42         | 23        | 28                         | 4              | 3       |
| 08/09                     | 36         | 31        | 27                         | 2              | 4       |
| 07/09                     | 39         | 21        | 32                         | 4              | 3       |
| 06/09                     | 39         | 16        | 36                         | 3              | 5       |
| 04/09                     | 43         | 14        | 36                         | 4              | 4       |
| 02/09                     | 38         | 11        | 43                         | 4              | 3       |
| b. The country as a whole |            |           |                            |                |         |
| 06/10                     | 42         | 32        | 19                         | --             | 6       |
| 05/10                     | 43         | 35        | 13                         | --             | 9       |
| 04/10                     | 45         | 35        | 11                         | --             | 9       |
| 03/10                     | 45         | 34        | 14                         | 3              | 4       |
| 02/10                     | 45         | 34        | 12                         | 4              | 5       |
| 01/10                     | 42         | 37        | 12                         | 3              | 5       |
| 12/09                     | 45         | 31        | 17                         | 4              | 3       |
| 11/09                     | 54         | 27        | 11                         | 3              | 5       |
| 10/09                     | 53         | 28        | 12                         | 2              | 4       |
| 09/09                     | 53         | 26        | 14                         | 4              | 4       |
| 08/09                     | 45         | 34        | 14                         | 3              | 4       |
| 07/09                     | 51         | 23        | 16                         | 4              | 6       |
| 06/09                     | 57         | 16        | 19                         | 3              | 5       |
| 04/09                     | 56         | 15        | 21                         | 3              | 5       |
| 02/09                     | 59         | 12        | 19                         | 5              | 5       |

7. Do you feel you understand what the impact of the health reform law will be on you and your family, or not?

|                                  | 06/10 | 05/10 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Yes, understand impact           | 70    | 61    |
| No, do not understand impact     | 28    | 35    |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | 2     | 3     |

<sup>4</sup> Trend wording was slightly different: "Do you think (INSERT) would be (better off) or (worse off) if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference?"

8. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about the health reform law. The first is (INSERT & RANDOMIZE). Does this describe your own feelings about the health reform law, or not?

|    |                    | Describes | Does not describe | DK/Ref. |
|----|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------|
| a. | Anxious            |           |                   |         |
|    | 06/10              | 42        | 56                | 2       |
|    | 05/10              | 36        | 63                | 2       |
|    | 04/10              | 42        | 56                | 3       |
|    | 12/09 <sup>5</sup> | 47        | 52                | 1       |
|    | 10/09              | 49        | 49                | 1       |
|    | 09/09              | 50        | 48                | 2       |
| b. | Confused           |           |                   |         |
|    | 06/10              | 42        | 57                | 1       |
|    | 05/10              | 44        | 54                | 2       |
|    | 04/10              | 55        | 45                | 1       |
|    | 12/09              | 48        | 52                | *       |
|    | 10/09              | 49        | 50                | 1       |
|    | 09/09              | 48        | 51                | 1       |
|    | 08/09              | 46        | 53                | 2       |
| c. | Pleased            |           |                   |         |
|    | 06/10              | 41        | 55                | 4       |
|    | 05/10              | 39        | 57                | 4       |
|    | 04/10              | 45        | 52                | 3       |
| d. | Angry              |           |                   |         |
|    | 06/10              | 31        | 67                | 2       |
|    | 05/10              | 30        | 69                | 2       |
|    | 04/10              | 30        | 69                | 1       |
|    | 12/09              | 35        | 64                | 1       |
|    | 10/09              | 40        | 59                | 1       |
|    | 09/09              | 31        | 67                | 1       |
| e. | Disappointed       |           |                   |         |
|    | 06/10              | 48        | 50                | 3       |
|    | 05/10              | 45        | 53                | 2       |
|    | 04/10              | 45        | 52                | 3       |
| f. | Relieved           |           |                   |         |
|    | 06/10              | 36        | 61                | 3       |
|    | 05/10              | 32        | 65                | 3       |
|    | 04/10              | 40        | 58                | 2       |

<sup>5</sup> Trend wording was slightly different: "Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about the health care reform plans being discussed in Washington."



9. Say a candidate for Congress voted FOR the health reform law. Would that make you (more likely to support that candidate for Congress), (more likely to oppose that candidate for Congress), or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote? [ROTATE TERMS IN PARENTHESES] [If support or oppose:] Would that be much more likely or somewhat more likely to (support/oppose) that candidate?

|  | 06/10<br>Total | 06/10<br>RVs |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Much more likely to support  | 18             | 19           |
| Somewhat more likely to support                                      | 16             | 16           |
| Somewhat more likely to oppose                                       | 8              | 8            |
| Much more likely to oppose   | 23             | 24           |
| Wouldn't it make much difference in your vote                        | 32             | 31           |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't vote, not registered to vote, don't plan to vote | 1              | *            |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused                                     | 3              | 2            |

10. To the extent that candidates for Congress from different parties are still debating the merits of the health reform law, do you think this is more because Republicans and Democrats fundamentally disagree about the right policy for the country, or more because both sides are trying to use the issue for their own political advantage?

|  | 06/10 |
|--|-------|
| Republicans and Democrats have fundamental disagreements                 | 29    |
| Both sides are trying to use the issue for their own political advantage | 65    |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused   | 7     |

11. I'm going to read you a list of specific reform proposals. For each, please tell me whether you think it was included in the new health reform law, or not. First, to the best of your knowledge, would you say the law will or will not (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)?<sup>6</sup> Would you say the law will or will not (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?<sup>6</sup>

|   |                    | Yes, law<br>will do this | No, will<br>not do this | DK/<br>Ref. |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Items a-i based on Form A (n=620)</b>  |                    |                          |                         |             |
| a. Prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history or health condition |                    |                          |                         |             |
|   | 06/10              | 70                       | 25                      | 5           |
|   | 04/10              | 64                       | 27                      | 10          |
| b. Provide tax credits to small businesses that offer coverage to their employees                               |                    |                          |                         |             |
|   | 06/10              | 67                       | 24                      | 9           |
|   | 04/10              | 66                       | 17                      | 17          |
| c. Impose a fine on all but small employers if they don't offer health insurance to their workers               |                    |                          |                         |             |
|   | 06/10              | 70                       | 22                      | 8           |
|   | 04/10 <sup>7</sup> | 61                       | 23                      | 16          |

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<sup>6</sup> Trend 04/10 question wording was slightly different: "I'm going to read you a list of specific reform proposals. For each, please tell me whether you think it was included in the health reform bill recently passed by Congress and signed into law by the president, or not. First, to the best of your knowledge, would you say the law will or will not (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)?"

<sup>7</sup> Trend item wording was slightly different: "Fine all but small employers if they don't offer health insurance to their workers."

Q.11 continued...

|  |  | Yes, law<br>will do this | No, will<br>not do this | DK/<br>Ref. |    |
|--|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----|
| d.                                       | Limit future increases in Medicare payments to health care providers such as hospitals and home health agencies as a way to help pay for health reform                                   |                          |                         |             |    |
|  |  | 06/10                    | 59                      | 28          | 13 |
|  |  | 04/10                    | 59                      | 24          | 18 |
| e.                                       | Expand the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children  |                          |                         |             |    |
|  |  | 06/10                    | 66                      | 22          | 12 |
|  |  | 04/10                    | 64                      | 16          | 20 |
| f.                                       | Allow children to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26  |                          |                         |             |    |
|  |  | 06/10                    | 69                      | 24          | 7  |
|  |  | 04/10                    | 70                      | 21          | 9  |
| g.                                       | Prohibit insurance companies from charging women higher premiums than men  |                          |                         |             |    |
|  |  | 06/10                    | 48                      | 38          | 14 |
|  |  | 04/10                    | 43                      | 32          | 25 |
| h.                                       | Prohibit insurance companies from setting lifetime limits on the total amount they will spend on a person's health care  |                          |                         |             |    |
|  |  | 06/10                    | 59                      | 28          | 13 |
|  |  | 04/10                    | 56                      | 25          | 20 |
| i.                                       | Provide financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage  |                          |                         |             |    |
|  |  | 06/10                    | 72                      | 21          | 7  |
|  |  | 04/10                    | 75                      | 17          | 8  |
| <b>Items j-q based on Form B (n=587)</b> |  |                          |                         |             |    |
| j.                                       | Require nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine   |                          |                         |             |    |
|  |  | 06/10                    | 67                      | 26          | 7  |
|  |  | 04/10                    | 71                      | 21          | 8  |
| k.                                       | Gradually close the Medicare prescription drug "doughnut hole" or "coverage gap" so seniors will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap |                          |                         |             |    |
|  |  | 06/10                    | 59                      | 27          | 13 |
|  |  | 04/10                    | 56                      | 23          | 21 |
| l.                                       | Increase the Medicare payroll tax for upper income Americans as a way to help pay for health reform  |                          |                         |             |    |
|  |  | 06/10                    | 62                      | 26          | 12 |
|  |  | 04/10 <sup>8</sup>       | 66                      | 20          | 14 |

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<sup>8</sup> Trend item wording was slightly different: "Increase the Medicare payroll tax for high income Americans as a way to help pay for health reform"

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|  |                    | Yes, law<br>will do this | No, will<br>not do this | DK/<br>Ref. |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| m. Impose a tax in 2018 on insurers who offer the most expensive health plans, also called Cadillac plans, to help pay for health reform   | 06/10              | 58                       | 24                      | 19          |
|  | 04/10              | 58                       | 17                      | 25          |
| n. Create health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where small businesses and people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits | 06/10              | 62                       | 29                      | 9           |
|  | 04/10              | 62                       | 21                      | 17          |
| o. Create an insurance option, or high-risk pool, for those people whose pre-existing health conditions currently make it difficult for them to find and buy affordable health insurance     | 06/10              | 65                       | 26                      | 10          |
|  | 04/10              | 64                       | 22                      | 14          |
| p. Require insurance plans to offer a minimum package of health insurance benefits, to be defined by the federal government  | 06/10              | 64                       | 23                      | 13          |
|  | 01/10 <sup>9</sup> | 63                       | 20                      | 17          |
| q. Begin federal reviews of health plan premium increases and require plans to justify those increases   | 06/10              | 58                       | 26                      | 15          |

<sup>9</sup> Trend question read: "Please tell me whether you think it is included in the health care reform legislation being discussed in Congress, or not."

12. For each element of the health care reform law I name, please tell me if your opinion of it is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable. First, (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE)... (READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Would you say your opinion of that element is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable)?

|  |   | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | DK/Ref. |
|--|---|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------|
| <b>Items a-i based on Form B (n=587)</b> |   |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
| a.                                       | Prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history or health condition   |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 45             | 24                 | 13                   | 16               | 3       |
| b.                                       | Providing tax credits to small businesses that offer coverage to their employees  |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 49             | 33                 | 9                    | 7                | 2       |
|  | 04/10 <sup>10</sup>   | 48             | 38                 | 6                    | 3                | 4       |
| c.                                       | Fining all but small employers if they don't offer health insurance to their workers  |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 27             | 24                 | 18                   | 28               | 3       |
| d.                                       | Limiting future increases in Medicare payments to health care providers such as hospitals and home health agencies as a way to help pay for health reform |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 19             | 39                 | 19                   | 20               | 3       |
|  | 04/10   | 23             | 34                 | 18                   | 18               | 8       |
| e.                                       | Expanding the existing Medicaid program to cover low-income, uninsured adults regardless of whether they have children                                    |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 37             | 32                 | 14                   | 14               | 2       |
| f.                                       | Allowing children to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26  |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 47             | 24                 | 11                   | 16               | 2       |
|  | 04/10   | 47             | 27                 | 12                   | 12               | 1       |
| g.                                       | Prohibiting insurance companies from charging women higher premiums than men  |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 42             | 23                 | 10                   | 23               | 1       |
| h.                                       | Prohibiting insurance companies from setting lifetime limits on the total amount they will spend on a person's health care                                |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 35             | 29                 | 16                   | 19               | 2       |
|  | 04/10   | 39             | 28                 | 15                   | 14               | 5       |

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<sup>10</sup> Trend question wording was slightly different: "Though many elements of health reform will take some time to implement, several changes will begin this year. For each of these I name, please tell me if your opinion of it is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable." Trend item wording was slightly different: "Providing tax credits to businesses with fewer than 25 workers that provide health insurance to their employees"

Q.12 continued...

|  |   | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | DK/Ref. |
|--|---|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------|
| i.                                       | Providing financial help to low and moderate income Americans who don't get insurance through their jobs to help them purchase coverage   |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 42             | 34                 | 11                   | 11               | 1       |
| <b>Items j-q based on Form A (n=620)</b> |   |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
| j.                                       | Requiring nearly all Americans to have health insurance or else pay a fine  |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 14             | 20                 | 21                   | 44               | 1       |
| k.                                       | Gradually closing the Medicare prescription drug "doughnut hole" or "coverage gap" so seniors will no longer be required to pay the full cost of their medications when they reach the gap  |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 51             | 30                 | 7                    | 8                | 4       |
| l.                                       | Increasing the Medicare payroll tax for high income Americans as a way to help pay for health reform  |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 36             | 25                 | 17                   | 20               | 2       |
| m.                                       | Imposing a tax in 2018 on insurers who offer the most expensive health plans, also called Cadillac plans, to help pay for health reform   |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 28             | 30                 | 16                   | 20               | 5       |
| n.                                       | Creating health insurance exchanges or marketplaces where small businesses and people who don't get coverage through their employers can shop for insurance and compare prices and benefits |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 54             | 33                 | 4                    | 7                | 2       |
| o.                                       | Creating an insurance option, or high-risk pool, for those people whose pre-existing health conditions currently make it difficult for them to find and buy affordable health insurance     |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 44             | 34                 | 7                    | 12               | 3       |
|  | 04/10   | 43             | 33                 | 8                    | 9                | 7       |
| p.                                       | Requiring insurance plans to offer a minimum package of health insurance benefits, to be defined by the federal government  |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 27             | 32                 | 17                   | 19               | 4       |
| q.                                       | Beginning federal reviews of health plan premium increases and requiring plans to justify those increases   |                |                    |                      |                  |         |
|  | 06/10   | 34             | 35                 | 12                   | 14               | 4       |
|  | 04/10   | 33             | 32                 | 12                   | 14               | 9       |

D2. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (READ IF NECESSARY: 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/Medi-CAL])?

|                                  | <u>06/10</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Covered by health insurance      | 81           |
| Not covered by health insurance  | 18           |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | *            |

D2a. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your or your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or (Medicaid/Medi-CAL), some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

**Based on those who have health insurance (n=1,045)**

|  | <u>06/10</u> |
|--|--------------|
| Plan through your/your spouse's employer | 54           |
| Plan you purchased yourself              | 12           |
| Medicare                                 | 21           |
| Medicaid/Medi-CAL                        | 4            |
| Some other government program            | 5            |
| Under parent's insurance (VOL.)          | 2            |
| Somewhere else (SPECIFY)                 | 1            |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused         | 1            |

D3. 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>06/10</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Self-employed                    | 10           |
| Full-time for an employer        | 42           |
| Part-time for an employer        | 10           |
| Retired                          | 19           |
| Not employed                     | 13           |
| Homemaker (VOL.)                 | 1            |
| Student (VOL.)                   | 1            |
| Disabled (VOL.)                  | 2            |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | 1            |

13. 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)? READ FOR FIRST ITEM AND THEN AS NECESSARY: Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

|    |   | Very<br>worried | Somewhat<br>worried | Not too<br>worried | Not at all<br>worried | DK/<br>Ref. |
|----|---|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| a. | Having to pay more for your health care or health insurance |                 |                     |                    |                       |             |
|    | 06/10   | 38              | 33                  | 14                 | 13                    | 1           |
|    | 03/10   | 39              | 35                  | 12                 | 13                    | 1           |
|    | 12/09   | 41              | 34                  | 13                 | 12                    | *           |
|    | 07/09   | 31              | 38                  | 17                 | 13                    | 1           |
|    | 04/09   | 37              | 35                  | 16                 | 11                    | *           |
|    | 02/09   | 45              | 32                  | 14                 | 9                     | *           |
|    | 10/08   | 38              | 34                  | 13                 | 14                    | 1           |
|    | 09/08   | 34              | 33                  | 15                 | 17                    | 1           |
|    | 04/08   | 37              | 34                  | 11                 | 17                    | 1           |
|    | 02/08   | 36              | 32                  | 17                 | 13                    | 2           |
|    | 12/07   | 41              | 32                  | 13                 | 13                    | 1           |
|    | 10/07   | 39              | 34                  | 13                 | 13                    | 2           |
|    | 06/07   | 41              | 34                  | 14                 | 11                    | 1           |
|    | 03/07   | 40              | 34                  | 11                 | 14                    | 1           |
|    | 10/06   | 47              | 27                  | 13                 | 12                    | 1           |
|    | 08/06   | 46              | 28                  | 10                 | 15                    | 1           |
|    | 02/06   | 38              | 33                  | 11                 | 17                    | 2           |
|    | 10/05   | 40              | 32                  | 12                 | 16                    | 1           |
|    | 06/05   | 45              | 28                  | 12                 | 14                    | 1           |
|    | 03/05   | 49              | 29                  | 9                  | 12                    | *           |
|    | 02/05   | 41              | 32                  | 11                 | 15                    | 1           |
|    | 12/04   | 47              | 29                  | 10                 | 14                    | *           |
|    | 10/04   | 47              | 31                  | 9                  | 12                    | 1           |
|    | 08/04   | 45              | 30                  | 8                  | 15                    | 1           |
|    | 06/04   | 46              | 28                  | 12                 | 13                    | 1           |
|    | 04/04   | 47              | 30                  | 9                  | 13                    | 1           |
|    | 02/04   | 47              | 31                  | 10                 | 12                    | 1           |

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|   | Very worried | Somewhat worried | Not too worried | Not at all worried | DK/Ref. |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|
| b. Not being able to afford the health care services you think you need |              |                  |                 |                    |         |
| 06/10   | 31           | 30               | 19              | 19                 | 1       |
| 03/10   | 29           | 28               | 19              | 22                 | 1       |
| 12/09   | 32           | 30               | 17              | 20                 | *       |
| 07/09   | 34           | 28               | 21              | 17                 | *       |
| 04/09   | 34           | 32               | 20              | 14                 | *       |
| 02/09   | 38           | 29               | 18              | 15                 | *       |
| 10/08   | 31           | 29               | 17              | 23                 | 1       |
| 09/08   | 28           | 28               | 20              | 24                 | 1       |
| 04/08   | 29           | 26               | 19              | 25                 | 1       |
| 12/07   | 35           | 30               | 15              | 19                 | 1       |
| 10/07   | 34           | 28               | 17              | 20                 | 1       |
| 06/07   | 36           | 27               | 19              | 18                 | *       |
| 03/07   | 35           | 27               | 16              | 21                 | 1       |
| 10/06   | 39           | 24               | 17              | 19                 | 1       |
| 08/06   | 34           | 27               | 16              | 22                 | 1       |
| 02/06   | 32           | 25               | 18              | 24                 | 1       |
| 10/05   | 34           | 27               | 15              | 24                 | 1       |
| 06/05   | 34           | 28               | 16              | 22                 | 1       |
| 03/05   | 42           | 24               | 13              | 21                 | 1       |
| 02/05   | 34           | 28               | 16              | 22                 | *       |
| 12/04   | 37           | 27               | 15              | 20                 | 1       |
| 10/04   | 38           | 26               | 16              | 21                 | *       |
| 08/04   | 40           | 23               | 14              | 22                 | 1       |
| 06/04   | 36           | 24               | 19              | 21                 | *       |
| 04/04   | 39           | 25               | 14              | 21                 | 1       |
| 02/04   | 38           | 24               | 18              | 19                 | *       |

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|   | Very worried | Somewhat worried | Not too worried | Not at all worried | DK/Ref. |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|
| c. Not being able to afford the prescription drugs you need |              |                  |                 |                    |         |
| 06/10   | 26           | 26               | 22              | 25                 | 1       |
| 03/10   | 28           | 24               | 19              | 28                 | 1       |
| 12/09   | 27           | 29               | 21              | 24                 | *       |
| 07/09   | 27           | 25               | 25              | 22                 | 1       |
| 10/08   | 25           | 24               | 20              | 31                 | 1       |
| 09/08   | 27           | 22               | 20              | 31                 | *       |
| 04/08   | 27           | 23               | 17              | 32                 | 1       |
| 12/07   | 31           | 26               | 19              | 24                 | *       |
| 10/07   | 31           | 25               | 18              | 26                 | 1       |
| 06/07   | 33           | 23               | 22              | 22                 | *       |
| 03/07   | 33           | 26               | 16              | 24                 | 1       |
| 10/06   | 37           | 21               | 15              | 26                 | 1       |
| 08/06   | 31           | 25               | 17              | 27                 | 1       |
| 02/06   | 28           | 22               | 18              | 30                 | 1       |
| 10/05   | 32           | 21               | 17              | 30                 | *       |
| 06/05   | 35           | 23               | 15              | 27                 | *       |
| 04/05   | 35           | 25               | 15              | 25                 | 1       |
| 02/05   | 31           | 26               | 17              | 25                 | *       |
| 12/04   | 35           | 22               | 17              | 26                 | *       |
| 10/04   | 35           | 25               | 16              | 23                 | 1       |
| 08/04   | 38           | 24               | 14              | 23                 | 1       |
| 06/04   | 34           | 24               | 16              | 26                 | *       |
| 04/04   | 37           | 21               | 16              | 25                 | 1       |
| 02/04   | 36           | 23               | 18              | 22                 | 1       |

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|   | Very<br>worried | Somewhat<br>worried | Not too<br>worried | Not at all<br>worried | DK/<br>Ref. |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| d. Being the victim of a terrorist attack |                 |                     |                    |                       |             |
| 06/10                                     | 20              | 25                  | 29                 | 25                    | *           |
| 03/10                                     | 21              | 24                  | 25                 | 29                    | 1           |
| 12/09                                     | 16              | 26                  | 29                 | 28                    | *           |
| 07/09                                     | 20              | 29                  | 27                 | 23                    | 1           |
| 10/08                                     | 19              | 27                  | 25                 | 29                    | 1           |
| 09/08                                     | 18              | 29                  | 25                 | 27                    | 1           |
| 04/08                                     | 18              | 28                  | 24                 | 30                    | 1           |
| 12/07                                     | 22              | 29                  | 26                 | 23                    | 1           |
| 10/07                                     | 22              | 29                  | 23                 | 25                    | *           |
| 06/07                                     | 25              | 29                  | 25                 | 19                    | 1           |
| 03/07                                     | 23              | 28                  | 22                 | 25                    | 1           |
| 10/06                                     | 23              | 27                  | 25                 | 24                    | *           |
| 08/06                                     | 21              | 27                  | 23                 | 28                    | 1           |
| 02/06                                     | 21              | 26                  | 22                 | 30                    | *           |
| 10/05                                     | 18              | 28                  | 25                 | 29                    | *           |
| 04/05                                     | 19              | 23                  | 23                 | 34                    | 1           |
| 02/05                                     | 17              | 27                  | 24                 | 31                    | *           |
| 12/04                                     | 22              | 26                  | 23                 | 29                    | 1           |
| 10/04                                     | 23              | 33                  | 22                 | 21                    | 1           |
| 08/04                                     | 20              | 29                  | 22                 | 28                    | 1           |
| 06/04                                     | 23              | 30                  | 24                 | 23                    | 1           |
| 04/04                                     | 20              | 29                  | 23                 | 27                    | 1           |
| 02/04                                     | 20              | 27                  | 27                 | 26                    | 1           |

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|  | Very<br>worried | Somewhat<br>worried | Not too<br>worried | Not at all<br>worried | DK/<br>Ref. |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| e. Your income not keeping up with rising prices |                 |                     |                    |                       |             |
| 06/10  | 40              | 32                  | 15                 | 13                    | *           |
| 03/10  | 40              | 33                  | 13                 | 13                    | 1           |
| 12/09  | 40              | 32                  | 16                 | 12                    | *           |
| 07/09  | 37              | 35                  | 17                 | 12                    | *           |
| 04/09  | 46              | 32                  | 13                 | 9                     | *           |
| 02/09  | 53              | 28                  | 12                 | 8                     | *           |
| 10/08  | 47              | 32                  | 10                 | 11                    | 1           |
| 09/08  | 41              | 32                  | 13                 | 13                    | 1           |
| 04/08  | 43              | 31                  | 11                 | 14                    | *           |
| 02/08  | 42              | 32                  | 15                 | 9                     | 1           |
| 12/07  | 46              | 28                  | 13                 | 13                    | *           |
| 10/07  | 41              | 30                  | 14                 | 14                    | 1           |
| 06/07  | 45              | 30                  | 12                 | 13                    | 1           |
| 03/07  | 42              | 31                  | 14                 | 13                    | 1           |
| 10/06  | 45              | 27                  | 13                 | 14                    | 1           |
| 08/06  | 46              | 28                  | 11                 | 15                    | *           |
| 02/06  | 36              | 32                  | 14                 | 17                    | 1           |
| 10/05  | 40              | 30                  | 13                 | 16                    | 1           |
| 06/05  | 40              | 28                  | 15                 | 17                    | 1           |
| 03/05  | 46              | 27                  | 10                 | 15                    | 1           |
| 02/05  | 40              | 31                  | 13                 | 17                    | 1           |
| 12/04  | 41              | 30                  | 13                 | 16                    | 1           |
| 10/04  | 46              | 25                  | 11                 | 17                    | *           |
| 08/04  | 42              | 29                  | 11                 | 17                    | 1           |
| 06/04  | 45              | 26                  | 14                 | 15                    | *           |
| 04/04  | 44              | 27                  | 12                 | 16                    | 1           |
| 02/04  | 40              | 29                  | 14                 | 16                    | 1           |

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|    |   | Very<br>worried | Somewhat<br>worried | Not too<br>worried | Not at all<br>worried | DK/<br>Ref. |
|----|---|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| f. | Not being able to pay your rent or mortgage |                 |                     |                    |                       |             |
|    | 06/10                                       | 25              | 22                  | 22                 | 30                    | 1           |
|    | 03/10                                       | 25              | 19                  | 19                 | 36                    | 1           |
|    | 12/09                                       | 22              | 23                  | 21                 | 34                    | *           |
|    | 07/09                                       | 29              | 25                  | 19                 | 25                    | 2           |
|    | 10/08                                       | 25              | 21                  | 16                 | 36                    | 1           |
|    | 09/08                                       | 21              | 20                  | 21                 | 39                    | *           |
|    | 04/08                                       | 21              | 18                  | 19                 | 41                    | 1           |
|    | 12/07                                       | 27              | 20                  | 19                 | 33                    | *           |
|    | 10/07                                       | 24              | 19                  | 19                 | 37                    | 1           |
|    | 06/07                                       | 25              | 19                  | 20                 | 34                    | 1           |
|    | 03/07                                       | 27              | 18                  | 18                 | 36                    | 1           |
|    | 10/06                                       | 30              | 15                  | 20                 | 34                    | 1           |
|    | 08/06                                       | 22              | 20                  | 17                 | 40                    | 1           |
|    | 02/06                                       | 23              | 17                  | 19                 | 41                    | *           |
|    | 10/05                                       | 22              | 20                  | 19                 | 39                    | *           |
|    | 06/05                                       | 24              | 16                  | 19                 | 41                    | *           |
|    | 04/05                                       | 29              | 17                  | 15                 | 37                    | 1           |
|    | 02/05                                       | 21              | 19                  | 19                 | 40                    | *           |
|    | 12/04                                       | 26              | 16                  | 17                 | 40                    | 1           |
|    | 10/04                                       | 27              | 16                  | 17                 | 39                    | 1           |
|    | 08/04                                       | 31              | 17                  | 14                 | 37                    | *           |
|    | 06/04                                       | 24              | 18                  | 18                 | 40                    | 1           |
|    | 04/04                                       | 28              | 15                  | 17                 | 39                    | *           |
|    | 02/04                                       | 27              | 16                  | 19                 | 37                    | *           |

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**Item g based on those who are employed  
(n=745)**

|                    |       | Very<br>worried | Somewhat<br>worried | Not too<br>worried | Not at all<br>worried | DK/<br>Ref. |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| g. Losing your job |       |                 |                     |                    |                       |             |
|                    | 06/10 | 24              | 25                  | 26                 | 25                    | *           |
|                    | 03/10 | 24              | 22                  | 23                 | 31                    | *           |
|                    | 12/09 | 26              | 27                  | 27                 | 20                    | --          |
|                    | 07/09 | 28              | 27                  | 23                 | 22                    | *           |
|                    | 10/08 | 27              | 19                  | 22                 | 32                    | *           |
|                    | 09/08 | 21              | 15                  | 23                 | 41                    | 1           |
|                    | 04/08 | 21              | 18                  | 21                 | 40                    | *           |
|                    | 12/07 | 23              | 16                  | 23                 | 38                    | *           |
|                    | 10/07 | 19              | 17                  | 23                 | 40                    | 1           |
|                    | 06/07 | 19              | 15                  | 25                 | 41                    | *           |
|                    | 03/07 | 18              | 15                  | 23                 | 44                    | 1           |
|                    | 10/06 | 24              | 17                  | 21                 | 38                    | 1           |
|                    | 08/06 | 17              | 17                  | 23                 | 43                    | *           |
|                    | 02/06 | 20              | 16                  | 21                 | 43                    | *           |
|                    | 10/05 | 16              | 18                  | 22                 | 43                    | *           |
|                    | 06/05 | 17              | 16                  | 24                 | 43                    | *           |
|                    | 04/05 | 23              | 15                  | 20                 | 42                    | *           |
|                    | 02/05 | 15              | 15                  | 24                 | 45                    | *           |
|                    | 12/04 | 21              | 18                  | 22                 | 39                    | *           |
|                    | 10/04 | 18              | 15                  | 21                 | 46                    | *           |
|                    | 08/04 | 25              | 16                  | 17                 | 41                    | 1           |
|                    | 06/04 | 20              | 15                  | 22                 | 43                    | 1           |
|                    | 04/04 | 23              | 15                  | 18                 | 44                    | *           |
|                    | 02/04 | 21              | 16                  | 23                 | 40                    | *           |

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**Item h based on those who are employed and insured (n=659)**

|    |   | Very worried | Somewhat worried | Not too worried | Not at all worried | DK/Ref. |
|----|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|
| h. | Having to stay in your current job instead of taking a new job for fear of losing health benefits |              |                  |                 |                    |         |
|    | 06/10   | 12           | 18               | 27              | 41                 | 1       |
|    | 03/10   | 14           | 17               | 21              | 47                 | 1       |
|    | 12/09   | 19           | 23               | 24              | 34                 | *       |
|    | 10/08   | 14           | 17               | 21              | 47                 | 1       |
|    | 09/08   | 16           | 14               | 22              | 47                 | 1       |
|    | 04/08   | 13           | 16               | 19              | 50                 | 1       |
|    | 12/07   | 14           | 15               | 22              | 48                 | 1       |
|    | 10/07   | 14           | 18               | 21              | 46                 | 1       |
|    | 06/07   | 17           | 14               | 24              | 45                 | 1       |
|    | 03/07   | 20           | 14               | 18              | 46                 | 1       |
|    | 10/06   | 16           | 13               | 18              | 52                 | 1       |
|    | 08/06   | 16           | 16               | 20              | 47                 | 1       |
|    | 02/06   | 14           | 15               | 19              | 51                 | 1       |
|    | 10/05   | 12           | 16               | 19              | 51                 | 1       |
|    | 06/05   | 18           | 14               | 21              | 47                 | 1       |
|    | 04/05   | 21           | 14               | 18              | 46                 | 2       |
|    | 02/05   | 15           | 14               | 19              | 52                 | *       |
|    | 12/04   | 17           | 15               | 22              | 47                 | 1       |
|    | 10/04   | 19           | 13               | 16              | 51                 | 1       |
|    | 08/04   | 22           | 15               | 16              | 46                 | 1       |
|    | 06/04   | 15           | 12               | 21              | 49                 | 2       |
|    | 04/04   | 16           | 14               | 18              | 49                 | 2       |
|    | 02/04   | 17           | 14               | 16              | 51                 | 1       |

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| <b>Item i based on those who are insured<br/>(n=1,045)</b> |   | Very<br>worried | Somewhat<br>worried | Not too<br>worried | Not at all<br>worried | DK/<br>Ref. |
|--|---|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| i.   | Losing your health insurance coverage     |                 |                     |                    |                       |             |
|  | 06/10                                     | 26              | 24                  | 26                 | 23                    | *           |
|  | 03/10                                     | 24              | 24                  | 18                 | 32                    | 1           |
|  | 12/09                                     | 26              | 28                  | 20                 | 26                    | *           |
|  | 07/09                                     | 29              | 23                  | 24                 | 22                    | 1           |
|  | 04/09                                     | 30              | 27                  | 22                 | 21                    | *           |
|  | 02/09                                     | 34              | 20                  | 22                 | 24                    | *           |
|  | 10/08                                     | 29              | 20                  | 19                 | 31                    | 1           |
|  | 09/08                                     | 23              | 20                  | 22                 | 35                    | *           |
|  | 04/08                                     | 26              | 19                  | 19                 | 35                    | 1           |
|  | 12/07                                     | 29              | 22                  | 21                 | 27                    | 1           |
|  | 10/07                                     | 29              | 21                  | 19                 | 30                    | 1           |
|  | 06/07                                     | 34              | 20                  | 20                 | 25                    | 1           |
|  | 03/07                                     | 29              | 19                  | 19                 | 32                    | 1           |
|  | 10/06                                     | 32              | 18                  | 16                 | 33                    | 1           |
|  | 08/06                                     | 30              | 20                  | 19                 | 31                    | *           |
|  | 02/06                                     | 26              | 19                  | 21                 | 34                    | *           |
|  | 10/05                                     | 27              | 22                  | 19                 | 33                    | *           |
|  | 06/05                                     | 30              | 19                  | 18                 | 33                    | *           |
|  | 03/05                                     | 35              | 17                  | 17                 | 30                    | 1           |
|  | 02/05                                     | 26              | 22                  | 19                 | 32                    | *           |
|  | 12/04                                     | 34              | 20                  | 19                 | 27                    | *           |
|  | 10/04                                     | 29              | 20                  | 18                 | 33                    | *           |
|  | 08/04                                     | 34              | 17                  | 16                 | 32                    | *           |
|  | 06/04                                     | 29              | 19                  | 20                 | 32                    | *           |
|  | 04/04                                     | 33              | 19                  | 17                 | 30                    | 1           |
|  | 02/04                                     | 32              | 19                  | 19                 | 29                    | *           |
| j.   | Not having enough money for<br>retirement |                 |                     |                    |                       |             |
|  | 06/10                                     | 36              | 30                  | 15                 | 17                    | 1           |
|  | 03/10                                     | 39              | 29                  | 14                 | 17                    | 1           |
|  | 12/09                                     | 37              | 28                  | 17                 | 17                    | 1           |
|  | 07/09                                     | 35              | 31                  | 17                 | 16                    | 1           |
|  | 04/09                                     | 43              | 30                  | 14                 | 12                    | 1           |
| k.   | Dealing with credit card debt             |                 |                     |                    |                       |             |
|  | 06/10                                     | 16              | 19                  | 22                 | 42                    | 1           |

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

|                     | Yes | No | DK/Ref. |
|---------------------|-----|----|---------|
| 06/10               | 21  | 78 | 1       |
| 03/10               | 30  | 69 | *       |
| 12/09               | 30  | 70 | 1       |
| 11/09               | 31  | 69 | *       |
| 09/09               | 33  | 67 | *       |
| 08/09               | 24  | 76 | *       |
| 07/09               | 21  | 79 | *       |
| 06/09               | 26  | 73 | 1       |
| 04/09               | 26  | 73 | 1       |
| 02/09               | 22  | 78 | 1       |
| 10/08               | 32  | 68 | 1       |
| 09/06               | 25  | 75 | *       |
| 04/05               | 23  | 77 | -       |
| 04/03 <sup>11</sup> | 19  | 80 | *       |
| 03/02               | 21  | 79 | -       |

15. In the past twelve months, have you or another family member in your household (INSERT; READ AND RANDOMIZE; ITEM "C" SHOULD ALWAYS FOLLOW ITEM "B") because of medical bills, or not?<sup>12</sup>

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

|  | Yes | No | DK/Ref. |
|--|-----|----|---------|
| a. Used up all or most of your savings                                 |     |    |         |
| 06/10 (n=222)  | 51  | 49 | --      |
| 12/09 (n=322)  | 44  | 55 | 1       |
| 08/09 (n=259)  | 48  | 52 | 1       |
| 02/09 (n=237)  | 58  | 41 | 1       |
| b. Been unable to pay for basic necessities like food, heat or housing |     |    |         |
| 06/10  | 32  | 68 | *       |
| 12/09  | 39  | 61 | --      |
| 08/09  | 28  | 72 | --      |
| 02/09  | 31  | 67 | 2       |
| c. Had difficulty paying other bills                                   |     |    |         |
| 06/10  | 48  | 52 | --      |
| 12/09  | 53  | 47 | --      |
| 08/09  | 52  | 47 | *       |
| 02/09  | 63  | 37 | 1       |
| d. Borrowed money or gotten a loan or another mortgage on your home    |     |    |         |
| 06/10  | 24  | 76 | *       |
| 12/09  | 27  | 72 | 1       |
| 08/09  | 24  | 76 | *       |
| 02/09  | 18  | 81 | 1       |

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<sup>11</sup> Slight variations in question wording. In 2003, sample included only adults ages 18-64.

<sup>12</sup> Wording has been modified to include "or another family member in your household..."



Q.15 continued...

|  |       | Yes | No | DK/Ref. |
|--|-------|-----|----|---------|
| e. Been contacted by a collection agency | 06/10 | 54  | 45 | 1       |
|  | 12/09 | 51  | 48 | *       |
|  | 08/09 | 45  | 55 | --      |
|  | 02/09 | 57  | 43 | 1       |
| f. Declared bankruptcy                   | 06/10 | 9   | 91 | *       |
|  | 12/09 | 12  | 88 | --      |
|  | 08/09 | 9   | 91 | --      |
|  | 02/09 | 4   | 96 | --      |

**Q14/15 Summary table based on Total**

|   | 06/10 | 12/09 | 08/09 | 02/09 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Had problems paying medical bills in the past 12 months                                       | 21    | 30    | 24    | 22    |
| Been contacted by a collection agency because of medical bills                                | 11    | 15    | 11    | 12    |
| Used up all or most savings because of medical bills  | 11    | 13    | 11    | 13    |
| Had difficulty paying other bills because of medical bills                                    | 10    | 16    | 12    | 13    |
| Been unable to pay for basic necessities like food, heat, or housing because of medical bills | 7     | 12    | 7     | 7     |
| Borrowed money or gotten a loan or another mortgage because of medical bills                  | 5     | 8     | 6     | 4     |
| Declared bankruptcy because of medical bills  | 2     | 4     | 2     | 1     |
| Have done any of the above  | 17    | 23    | 19    | 19    |
| No problems paying medical bills  | 78    | 70    | 76    | 78    |
| Don't know/Refused  | 1     | 1     | *     | 1     |

16. In the past 12 months, have you or another family member living in your household... (READ AND RANDOMIZE) because of the COST, or not?

|  |       | Yes | No | DK/Ref. |
|--|-------|-----|----|---------|
| a. Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment | 06/10 | 22  | 78 | *       |
|  | 03/10 | 28  | 72 | *       |
|  | 12/09 | 23  | 76 | 1       |
|  | 11/09 | 22  | 78 | *       |
|  | 09/09 | 28  | 71 | 1       |
|  | 07/09 | 21  | 78 | *       |
|  | 06/09 | 27  | 73 | 1       |
|  | 04/09 | 27  | 73 | *       |
|  | 02/09 | 23  | 77 | *       |
|  | 10/08 | 31  | 68 | *       |
|  | 04/08 | 23  | 76 | *       |
|  | 04/05 | 17  | 82 | *       |
|  | 01/00 | 15  | 85 | -       |

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|   | Yes | No | DK/Ref. |
|---|-----|----|---------|
| b. Not filled a prescription for a medicine       |     |    |         |
| 06/10   | 20  | 79 | 1       |
| 03/10   | 26  | 74 | *       |
| 12/09   | 24  | 76 | *       |
| 11/09   | 26  | 74 | *       |
| 09/09   | 26  | 73 | *       |
| 07/09   | 20  | 80 | *       |
| 06/09   | 26  | 74 | 1       |
| 04/09   | 29  | 71 | 1       |
| 02/09   | 21  | 78 | *       |
| 10/08   | 27  | 72 | *       |
| 04/08   | 22  | 78 | *       |
| 04/05   | 20  | 79 | *       |
| 01/00   | 13  | 87 | *       |
| c. Cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine |     |    |         |
| 06/10   | 16  | 84 | 1       |
| 03/10   | 21  | 79 | -       |
| 12/09   | 18  | 81 | 1       |
| 11/09   | 17  | 83 | *       |
| 09/09   | 21  | 78 | 1       |
| 07/09   | 15  | 84 | *       |
| 06/09   | 19  | 80 | 1       |
| 04/09   | 18  | 81 | 1       |
| 02/09   | 15  | 85 | *       |
| 10/08   | 22  | 78 | *       |
| 04/08   | 18  | 81 | *       |
| 04/05   | 16  | 84 | *       |
| d. Had problems getting mental health care        |     |    |         |
| 06/10   | 9   | 90 | 1       |
| 03/10   | 10  | 89 | 1       |
| 12/09   | 10  | 89 | *       |
| 11/09   | 6   | 92 | 1       |
| 09/09   | 9   | 90 | 1       |
| 07/09   | 7   | 92 | 1       |
| 06/09   | 8   | 91 | 1       |
| 04/09   | 8   | 90 | 2       |
| 02/09   | 7   | 92 | *       |
| 10/08   | 12  | 87 | 2       |
| 04/08   | 8   | 90 | 2       |
| 04/05   | 7   | 93 | 1       |
| 01/00   | 4   | 96 | 1       |

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|    |  | Yes | No | DK/Ref. |
|----|--|-----|----|---------|
| e. | Put off or postponed getting health care you needed                                |     |    |         |
|    | 06/10  | 26  | 73 | 1       |
|    | 03/10  | 30  | 69 | 1       |
|    | 12/09  | 29  | 71 | *       |
|    | 11/09  | 30  | 69 | 1       |
|    | 09/09  | 33  | 67 | *       |
|    | 07/09  | 27  | 72 | *       |
|    | 06/09  | 31  | 68 | 1       |
|    | 04/09  | 33  | 67 | *       |
|    | 02/09  | 27  | 72 | 1       |
|    | 10/08  | 36  | 64 | *       |
|    | 04/08  | 29  | 70 | 1       |
| f. | Skipped dental care or checkups  |     |    |         |
|    | 06/10  | 31  | 69 | 1       |
|    | 03/10  | 35  | 64 | 1       |
|    | 12/09  | 31  | 69 | 1       |
|    | 11/09  | 34  | 65 | 1       |
|    | 09/09  | 35  | 65 | *       |
|    | 07/09  | 29  | 71 | *       |
|    | 06/09  | 35  | 64 | 1       |
|    | 04/09  | 36  | 64 | *       |
|    | 02/09  | 34  | 66 | *       |
| g. | Relied on home remedies or over the counter drugs instead of going to see a doctor |     |    |         |
|    | 06/10  | 28  | 71 | 1       |
|    | 03/10  | 39  | 61 | 1       |
|    | 12/09  | 34  | 66 | *       |
|    | 11/09  | 34  | 66 | 1       |
|    | 09/09  | 44  | 56 | *       |
|    | 07/09  | 33  | 67 | *       |
|    | 06/09  | 37  | 63 | 1       |
|    | 04/09  | 42  | 57 | 1       |
|    | 02/09  | 35  | 65 | 1       |

Q.16 Percent "Yes" to any

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| 06/10 | 45 |
| 03/10 | 57 |
| 12/09 | 49 |
| 11/09 | 53 |
| 09/09 | 56 |
| 07/09 | 49 |
| 06/09 | 55 |
| 04/09 | 59 |
| 02/09 | 53 |

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  | 48 |
|      | Female  | 52 |
| D4.  | In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?  |    |
|      | Excellent   | 15 |
|      | Very good   | 39 |
|      | Good  | 30 |
|      | Only fair   | 12 |
|      | Poor  | 4  |
|      | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused  | 1  |
| D4a. | Are you, yourself, now receiving regular medical treatment or making regular doctor visits for any chronic health problem--such as asthma, high blood pressure or cancer? |    |
|      | Yes   | 30 |
|      | No  | 69 |
|      | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused  | 1  |
| D5.  | What is your age? [ENTER AGE]   |    |
| D6.  | [ASK IF D5=REFUSED] Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of (READ)  |    |
|      | 18-29   | 17 |
|      | 30-49   | 39 |
|      | 50-64   | 25 |
|      | 65 and older  | 18 |
|      | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused  | *  |
| D7.  | Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?   |    |
|      | Married   | 59 |
|      | Living with a partner   | 10 |
|      | Widowed   | 6  |
|      | Divorced  | 7  |
|      | Separated   | 3  |
|      | Never been married  | 15 |
|      | (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused  | 1  |

D8. In politics today, do you consider yourself a [ROTATE: Republican, Democrat / Democrat, Republican], an Independent, or what?

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Republican  | 25 |
| Democrat  | 35 |
| Independent   | 31 |
| Or what ( <i>Other</i> and <i>None</i> included here) | 5  |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused                      | 4  |

D9. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate or conservative?

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Liberal                          | 24 |
| Moderate                         | 36 |
| Conservative                     | 36 |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | 5  |

D10. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Yes                              | 86 |
| No                               | 13 |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | 1  |

D10b. How often would you say you vote in mid-term elections, when there is an election for Congress but not for president... always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

**Based on those who are registered to vote (n=1,066)**

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Always                           | 50 |
| Nearly always                    | 24 |
| Part of the time                 | 15 |
| Seldom                           | 8  |
| Never vote (VOL.)                | 2  |
| Other (VOL.)                     | *  |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | *  |

D10/D10b Summary table based on Total

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Yes, registered to vote                     | 86 |
| Always vote in mid-term elections           | 43 |
| Nearly always vote in mid-term elections    | 21 |
| Vote part of the time in mid-term elections | 13 |
| Seldom vote in mid-term elections           | 7  |
| Never vote/Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)  | 2  |
| No, not registered to vote                  | 13 |
| Don't know/Refused                          | 1  |

D11. What is the LAST grade or class that you COMPLETED in school? (DO NOT READ)

|   |    |
|---|----|
| None, or grade 1-8  | 2  |
| High school incomplete (grades 9-11)  | 8  |
| High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)  | 31 |
| Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school   | 4  |
| Some college, no four-year degree (includes associate degree)   | 25 |
| College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other four-year degree)  | 18 |
| Post-graduate or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's degree or Ph.D; law or medical school) | 11 |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused  | 1  |

D12. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

D13. 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?)

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| White, non-Hispanic       | 70 |
| Total non-White           | 28 |
| Black or African-American | 11 |
| Hispanic                  | 12 |
| Asian                     | 3  |
| Other mixed race          | 1  |
| Undesignated              | 2  |

D14. Last year -- that is, in 2009 -- 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 less than \$30,000   | 13 |
| \$30,000 to less than \$40,000   | 12 |
| \$40,000 to less than \$50,000   | 10 |
| \$50,000 to less than \$75,000   | 16 |
| \$75,000 to less than \$90,000   | 8  |
| \$90,000 to less than \$100,000  | 4  |
| \$100,000 or more                | 10 |
| (DO NOT READ) Don't know/Refused | 11 |

END OF INTERVIEW: That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your time.

Trend Information:

- 05/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (May 11-16, 2010)
- 04/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 9-14, 2010)
- 03/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (March 10-15, 2010)
- 02/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 11-15, 2010)
- 01/10: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (January 7-12, 2010)
- 12/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (December 7-13, 2009)
- 11/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (November 5-12, 2009)
- 10/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (October 8-15, 2009)
- 09/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (September 11-18, 2009)
- 08/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (August 4-11, 2009)
- 07/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (July 7-14, 2009)
- 06/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (June 1-8, 2009)
- 04/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (April 2-8, 2009)
- 02/09: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll* (February 3-12, 2009)
- 10/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (October 8-13, 2008)
- 09/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (September 8-13, 2008)
- 04/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (April 3-13, 2008)
- 02/08: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (February 7-16, 2008)
- 12/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (November 28-December 9, 2007)
- 10/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (October 1-10, 2007)
- 06/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (May 31-June 5, 2007)
- 03/07: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Tracking Poll: Election 2008* (March 8-13, 2007)
- 10/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (October 5-10, 2006)
- 09/06: ABC News/Kaiser Family Foundation/USA Today *Health Care in America 2006 Survey* (September 7-12, 2006)
- 08/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (August 3-8, 2006)
- 02/06: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (February 2-7, 2006)
- 10/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (October 4-9, 2005)
- 06/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (June 2-5, 2005)
- 04/05: *USA Today*/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University *Health Care Costs Survey* (April 25-June 9, 2005)
- 03/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (March 31-April 3, 2005)
- 02/05: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (February 3-6, 2005)
- 12/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (December 2-5, 2004)
- 10/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (October 14-17, 2004)
- 08/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (August 5-8, 2004)
- 06/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (June 4-8, 2004)
- 04/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (April 1-5, 2004)
- 02/04: Kaiser Family Foundation *Kaiser Health Poll Report* (February 5-8, 2004)
- 04/03: Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Insurance Survey* (April 30-July 20, 2003)
- 03/02: National Public Radio/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government *National Survey on Health Care* (March 28-May 1, 2002)
- 01/00: *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*/Kaiser Family Foundation *National Survey of the Uninsured* (January 10-February 9, 2000)



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